



Dear Herr Rothfritz and Frau Badstein

Many thanks for continuing to support and work with Huntington School. The support you have given the programmes has been gratefully received and hugely welcomed.

Therefore, we are delighted to offer a continuation of our 'School Partnership' and hope you wish to share the same sentiments. We very much want to build on the work we have undertaken with our German schools that have provided us with such 'wonderful' students on both the short and long stay programmes.

Consequently, I have attached two revised 'School Partnerships' for 2019-20. There are two versions to reflect the UK still being members of the EU or some sort of Educational agreement being reached after BREXIT and another version to reflect possible outcomes when the UK is, possibly no longer a member of the EU. (At the time of writing this letter, we are still very much uncertain as to the outcomes of negotiations!)

I do hope you share my opinion that the 'School Partnerships' secure significant benefits to your school at a time where there seems to be so much uncertainty with educational exchanges with the UK schools and Europe. At Huntington School we want to ensure we keep educational bridges open to German schools as the contribution of our German students is critical in preserving our status as England's prime state '**Eurocentric School**'.

This is a status that our HT - John Tomsett - is determined to maintain via this 'School Partnership'. We only recruit maximum 20-25 German students per year despite having over 100 German student applications. Consequently, we have to be selective as we only take students who are 'hard working' and determined to succeed from German schools that fully support the long and short stay programmes. We do not recruit 'just anybody' which is generally the mantra of big commercial companies who rely on German parents being prepared to pay whatever is their asking price ....usually between £30-35k per year!

We are confident our short stay options of 3 months, 6 months, 1 year and 2-year programmes are the best the UK has to offer and certainly the cheapest for what the students receive. As I am sure you are aware from last year's letter, we are delighted to be able to say 'Huntington School' was awarded 'Outstanding Status' by Her Majesty's Government Inspectors and the school is now in the top 1% of academic achievement in the UK.

To support our achievement focus, we now provide 24 hour x 7 days a week pastoral support via Mandy Tomlinson ([a.tomlinson@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:a.tomlinson@huntington-ed.org.uk)) for the German students which means they receive daily care in all aspects of the stay. Also, we have now put in place additional teaching support for any students needing extra help in their English (1:1 private tutorial teaching) during the early parts of the stay.

The German student/parent feedback we are given is 'year on year' excellent and I hope this feedback has led to our reputation being firmly established within your school.

We feel this suggested 'School Partnership' has evolved because of the mutual respect that has been achieved over the last few years. We want to secure your students with 'protected' places that are both subsidised and supported by our sponsorship. As you will no doubt be aware, details of our long and short stay options can be found on our websites:

[www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/embrace-england](http://www.huntingtonschool.co.uk/sixth-form/embrace-england) and [www.embraceengland.co.uk](http://www.embraceengland.co.uk)

Many thanks again for your continued support and cooperation.



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**Pre-Brexit 'School Partnership' with Huntington School, York. UK:**

**Context:** *The following is based on the UK still being a member of the EU or some sort of Educational Agreement has been reached in the BREXIT discussions*

- Gymnasium Dörpsweg will receive 5 'protected places' for students aged between 16 and 19 who wish to study at Huntington School for one full academic year. The students must match the entry requirements stated in our current 'Long Stay Guidance Pack' (please see attached) thus meaning the student does not pay any tuition fees. Applications are preferred before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year of entry. There is NO obligation for you to provide any student applications for the long stay, only an obligation on 'Huntington Schools' behalf to 'protect' 5 places for your students to apply to the school.
- As there are no 'Tuition Fee' subsidies available for the 3 or 6 month stays there are no protected places provided to 'Partner Schools'. Applications will be considered on an individual basis. A condition does apply for the 3 month stay which is the student concerned must have completed a short stay with 'Embrace England'. The reason for this is the settling in time to the curriculum is negligible and we have to be absolutely assured the student has a standard of English that will match curriculum demands from day one.
- 15 year olds will be considered for all stays but the school needs to give complete assurance their English is of a very high standard and they have the personality to adapt to a new environment at a young age. We also much prefer for these students to have also completed the short stay. We have had some superb 15 year old students complete the long stays but selection has to be carefully considered.
- Host Family rates will remain subsidised for the student by monies made via the short stay programmes. This equates to £200 per month and is paid on a monthly basis and is available for our 3 month, 6 month and full year stays. If a student returns home before the end of their year the payment is only for the time spent at Huntington School.
- Gymnasium Dörpsweg will receive 1 'free' place for our short programmes at either our Easter or Summer short stay 'stepping stone' programmes. This will be 'triggered' for every 15 places taken by Gymnasium Dörpsweg for any of the short stay camps that they can access. We have found the short stay is, for the majority of our long stay students the inspiration for a return to York to study, hence our willingness to support this gesture. We would like to suggest this 'free' place is provided as an 'Achievement Award' set within your school. The 'free' place will be held for the following year if 15 bookings are taken from students from Gymnasium Dörpsweg. For example, if 15 places are taken in 2019, then the free place is guaranteed for 2020. (This will not include spending money)
- For Gymnasium Dörpsweg students who wish to stay for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Huntington School but are beyond the funding age restriction of 16-19 (e.g. the student turns 20 in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year), Huntington School will provide full educational sponsorship of £5k to ensure the student still has 'free tuition fees' at Huntington School. Therefore the only costs are still only to host families which will remain at the subsidised rate. (Please note, normally the £5k cost for tuition fees are paid by German parents who want their students to continue the second year but whose offspring no longer qualify for free tuition fees provided for 16-19 year olds) However, this full sponsorship is dependent on the student achieving Pass Grade standards (or equivalent in vocational options) work in all of their subject choices. If the grades are less than the stated level, the student will pay £3000 contribution to their tuition fees. Huntington School will sponsor the student for the remaining £2000 to ensure the full £5k cost of tuition fees is covered.
- 'Huntington School' will continue to present at Gymnasium Dörpsweg in Sept/Oct of each year.
- Please note, 'Huntington School' is the ONLY state school in the UK to offer this type of 'School Partnership' and for this reason we would prefer not to present with other commercial companies. The continuing success of the programme is dependent on having an audience with children between 13-17 who have genuine aspirations to sample York and possibly return and study at Huntington School. Presenting on shared platforms can restrict the audience to an older age range and thus compromise most of the components stated above.
- Huntington School will place all details of your school on our website and we kindly ask for this to be reciprocated on your school website, thus promoting the 'School Partnership' and the associated study opportunities. We provide Huntington School information as a PDF to help with this process.



**Post-Brexit 'School Partnership' with Huntington School, York, UK:**

*Context: Although 'cause and effect' of Brexit is currently unknown, the following is written with a presumption that the £5k yearly tuition fees will have to be found for students who fall in and out of the 16-19 year old age category and are wishing to study for at least 1 year or a maximum of 2 years. However, it is worth noting that some form of reciprocal educational liaison between the UK and EU could still be part of a Post Brexit agreement.*

- Gymnasium Dörpsweg will receive 5 'protected places' for students aged between 16 and 19 who wish to study at Huntington School for one full academic year. The students must match the entry requirements stated in our future 'Long Stay Guidance Pack' (as yet not written) Applications are preferred before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year of entry. There is NO obligation for you to provide any student applications for the long stay only an obligation on 'Huntington Schools' behalf to 'protect' 5 places for your students to apply to the school.
- As there are no 'Tuition Fee' subsidies available for 3 or 6 month stays there are no protected places provided to 'Partner Schools' Applications will be considered on an individual basis. A condition does apply for the 3 month stay which is the student concerned must have completed a shorts stay with Embrace England. The reason for this is the settling in time to the curriculum is negligible and we have to be absolutely assured the student has a standard of English that will match curriculum demands from day one.
- As 'yearly tuition fees' (£5000) will no longer be 'free' due the UK's exit from the EU, Huntington School will 'sponsor' each student by £2000 for the first year of study. This means the German parents must pay the remaining £3000 to Huntington School. This will be paid in two instalments at Sept (£1500) and January (£1500). If a student decides to leave at Christmas, then there is no expectation for the second instalment to be paid. Please note, the generosity of our payment policy does not mean we accept students to study for 3 months. It simply reflects our belief students should not have to pay for an education they have not yet received, if in the very rare circumstance a student does return to Germany during the Christmas recess. However, after payment of the second instalment for a one year stay is made, Huntington School will not make any tuition fee reimbursements if a student returns to Germany any time during the last two terms.
- Host Family rates will remain subsidised for the student by monies made via the short stay programmes. This equates to £200 per month and is paid on a monthly basis and is available for our 3month, 6 month and full year stays. If a student returns home before the end of their year the payment is only for the time spent at Huntington School.
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- For Gymnasium Dörpsweg students who wish to stay for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, IRRESPECTIVE of age, Huntington School will provide full educational sponsorship of £5k to ensure the student has 'free tuition fees' for their second year. Therefore the only costs are still only to host families which will remain at the subsidised rate. (Please note, this is in effect 100% sponsorship for the second year with no additional £3k contributions made by German parents) However, this full sponsorship is dependent on the student achieving Grade Pass standard (or equivalent in vocational options) work in all of their subject choices. If the grades are less than the stated level, the student will still be expected to pay £3000 tuition fees but Huntington School will sponsor the student to the amount of £2000 sponsorship given in the first year, with the same £3000 payment conditions.
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