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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Erasmus+ Student Mobility Opportunities for Transition Year German Students 2026-2027

We are delighted to invite Transition Year students to apply for participation in our Erasmus+ student mobility programme during the current academic year.

As part of our Erasmus+ Accreditation, Presentation De La Salle College has developed strong partnerships with three schools in North-West Germany. These partnerships provide our students with unique opportunities to experience life and education in another European country while developing their language, intercultural and personal skills.

This year, students will have the opportunity to apply for:

- Two-week mobilities
- Three-week mobilities
- Four-week mobilities

Hosting Before Travelling

Our preference in PDLS is that German students visit and stay with our families here in Bagenalstown before our students travel to Germany. We believe this approach helps students and families build relationships and confidence before undertaking their own mobility experience.

The first group of 10 students from Cuxhaven will arrive **on 27 September** and will remain in Ireland **for two weeks**. Students who host a visitor from this group will subsequently be eligible to undertake a two-week mobility in Germany before the end of the academic year.

What Does a Short-Term Mobility Involve?

Short-term Erasmus+ mobilities provide students with an opportunity to experience everyday life in another European country.

Students participating in these exchanges:

- Travel to and from Germany accompanied by PDLS staff.
- Live with a carefully selected host family for the duration of their stay.
- Attend school daily with their German host partner.
- Participate fully in family, school and community life.
- Develop language skills, independence, confidence and cultural awareness.

Over our years of Erasmus+ participation, we have witnessed the tremendous impact these experiences have had on our students. Participants consistently return with increased confidence, maturity, independence and a broader understanding of European cultures and perspectives. For many students, it is an experience that remains one of the highlights of their school years.

National Vetting Requirements

Parents interested in applying for a mobility place are reminded that they must engage with the National Vetting process, as previously outlined. Completion of the required vetting procedures is an essential component of the application process for all host families.

Documentation Required

To be considered for a place on the programme, families must return all required documentation promptly.

In particular, we ask that families complete and return the:

- Family Hosting Charter
- Erasmus+ application

The timely return of documentation is essential to allow us to finalise hosting arrangements and mobility placements.

Programme Contribution

A contribution of **€100** will be required from students accepting a mobility place. This payment will not be requested at this stage and will instead be collected closer to the student's departure date.

Expression of Interest

We encourage all interested Transition Year students and their families to consider this exciting opportunity. Erasmus+ offers an invaluable chance to experience a different culture, build lifelong friendships and develop skills that will benefit students well into the future.

Should you have any questions regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Yours sincerely,

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