



Hilden – our exchange programme 21st-28th October 2022

As many of you will know, we have an annual exchange programme with Hilden Musikschule, a youth orchestra in Warrington's twin town in Germany. The week-long visit has an exciting programme which starts with a 2-day residential music workshop in a youth hostel with our friends from Hilden Music School. Following this we meet our host families and spend the remainder of the week sightseeing, socialising in the Hilden area of Germany as well as performing a joint concert in Hilden. In the past we have visited the historic town of Cologne and other attractions.

The trips have been thoroughly by all, with everyone signing up for the next exchange!

Last year we had to cancel the trip due to the pandemic, leaving 34 disappointed children (not to mention adults). However, we are hoping to rebook for October half term 2022 (21st to 28th October) and would love as many as possible from the Symphony and Chamber orchestras, year 8 and above, to come with us. We anticipate that then price will be around £450 – perhaps less if we manage to get a grant for the exchange. We are aware that the pandemic has started to cause concern again and therefore at the moment we are not asking for a deposit but ask that you keep the dates free and send an expression of interest (and any questions) to Catherine McQuillan asap mcquillan.ce@gmail.com if your child is interested in coming so we can get things provisionally booked. We will keep a close eye on the pandemic and if the trip has to be cancelled, any deposits paid will be refunded.