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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded Erasmus+ Accreditation which enables us to work with European partner establishments to develop quality projects and mobilities that will promote the cultural openness of our students and develop their linguistic skills.

In the coming academic year 2024/2025 we plan to offer an exchange programme with new partner schools in Germany and France. There are limited places on these programmes and selection for the programme will be based on many factors, such as ability to host/application form/behaviour record/a willingness to participate and engage in school life.

It is our intention that a small group of students accompanied by their teachers will travel to Germany or France for 5 days in December 2024 to attend school/live with a host family and experience cultural immersion.

As is the nature of an exchange, we in turn, will welcome the exchange students into our school and homes for 5 days, possibly in February/March 2025.

During the exchange, students will go to school with their exchange partners each day. Cultural visits and activities will be organised with the full student group for the afternoons and some evenings.

When the exchange students come to Ireland, you will be required to host them in your own home and provide meals/packed lunches for the student. You will also be responsible for organising transport for the student to and from school. The exchange student should feel welcomed and included in your family life and in turn, the host family will welcome your child into their home.

Flights and activities abroad will be funded by the Erasmus Programme. If your son/daughter's application is successful, we ask for a non-refundable contribution of €100 to fund some additional expenses and activities so that your child can fully partake in the cultural visits with their host partner.

If your son/daughter would like to apply for the exchange, it is important that you make a commitment to hosting a return student. Garda vetting is a vital part of the process and we will assist you with this.

If your son/daughter is interested in applying for a mobility, please consult the School App or your son/daughter's Year Head Google Classroom for the application form. Please return completed applications in an envelope to the school office, marked ERASMUS/NAME/France or GERMANY by Friday 24th May 12 noon. **No late applications can be accepted.**

We will be hosting an information evening once we have confirmed dates and students names to outline further details about the exchange and to address any concerns you and your child may have in this regard.

In the meantime, if you have any immediate concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to email us at erasmus@cpckilcullen.com

Kind regards,

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