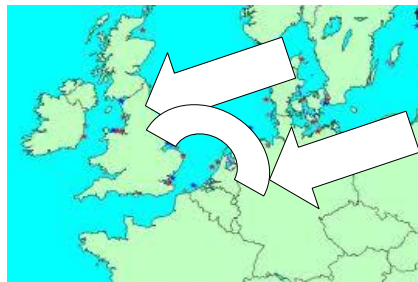


Work experience exchange
*Huntington Comprehensive School York (UK) -
Gymnasium Georgianum Vreden - Europaschule (Germany)*

Gymnasium Georgianum Vreden - A Portrait

Location

- Vreden lies in a rural area close to the Dutch-German border 50 km west of Münster
- It can be reached easily
 - a) by plane via Leeds - Düsseldorf
 - b) by ferry via Hull - Rotterdam



History

- *Gymnasium Georgianum* is a traditional school (founded in 1677) providing advanced secondary education up to the sixth form (*Abitur*)
- Over the last decades it has developed from a traditional grammar school into a modern, multi-strand European *Gymnasium* attended by 1100 students
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Profile/Central aims

The school's central aims as a European school (*Europaschule*) are:

- a) To support students` finding their way in a united Europe
- b) To raise tolerance, empathy and cultural awareness
- c) To promote multilingualism (bilingual English-German branch), intercultural learning and scientific competence in order to enhance lifelong learning skills

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Organisation/Programme

The exchange programme has been organised successfully and permanently accompanied by Mrs O`Neill (York) as well as Mr Fritz Berger and Mr Markus Lammers (Vreden) since 2002 and comprises the following elements:

- a) Journey to/ from Vreden/ York
- b) 10-day stay with a host family in the respective country
- c) Internship at selected primary and nursery schools

Costs mainly result from the journey itself and the individual pocket money

Placements

- The students work in local nursery and primary schools and assist teachers/ nursery teachers
- The nursery and primary schools have all gained a wide experience in cooperating with foreign assistants over the past ten years, and they very much appreciate the students' new ideas and creativity

Accommodation/ host families

- The students will be hosted by their exchange partner's family, and, thus, they will gain insight into a German family's everyday life in a rural area
- The project definitely promotes intercultural understanding and might lead to long-lasting friendships

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