

<b>Belgium</b> Athenée des Pagodes	<b>Germany</b> Pestalozzi Gymnasium	<b>Italy</b> I.T.C.G. P. Calamandrei	<b>Spain</b> Colegio Los Olivos	<b>Sweden</b> Blackebergs Gymnasium
Brussels	Herne	Sesto Fiorentino	Malaga	Stockholm



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Dear Student,

St. Michael's Catholic Grammar School, St. Ignatius College, Woodhouse College and Finchley Catholic High School are jointly offering Year 12 students the exciting opportunity of spending time abroad which includes one week's work experience. It is not a holiday, but is of fantastic cultural, personal and linguistic benefit. Work experience placements are available in Brussels, Stockholm, Herne (Germany), Malaga (Spain) and Sesto Fiorentino (Italy).

This opportunity is aimed at Year 12 students studying French, German, Italian or Spanish, **but if you have a GCSE in one of these languages, and no longer study it in the Sixth Form, you are also welcome to apply.** You must be prepared to speak in the language of the host country in the workplace and with your host family and not assume everyone will speak English. However, **non-linguists** can participate by going to Sweden as English is widely spoken there. A great deal of commitment is required from participants, but the rewards are tremendous.

The programme operates as an exchange, with students being matched with a Belgian/French/German/Swedish/Italian/Spanish student. It is a requirement for selection that you are able to accommodate a student in your own home and **to arrange a suitable work placement for your partner here in London.** (e.g. a local primary school, café, charity shop, any shops where there's customer interaction, etc) Advice on this will be given by your school co-ordinator. This placement must be finalised as soon as you are matched with your partner. It is not always possible to match students of the same gender although every effort is made to do so according to home circumstances.

The price below *excludes* travel costs in the country, (public transport, if needed, is usually quite cheap), travel insurance and day to day living/entertainment costs incurred away from the host family (who will provide accommodation and meals).

It *includes* travel to the country, which is organised and booked by the Project Co-ordinator, and is approximate, based on previous years.

Brussels	£240
Herne	£350
Stockholm	£370 (this includes a travel pass for all travel in Sweden)
Malaga	£370
Sesto Fiorentino	£350

An application form can be completed **electronically** or by hand and is available on the St. Michael's website: [http://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/Curriculum/European Work Experience](http://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/Curriculum/European%20Work%20Experience). Please include a photo on the form. Return your **printed** form to your co-ordinator at your own school together with a photocopy of your passport (even if expired at the time of applying) and photocopy of your EHIC card **as soon as possible**. Please pay a non-refundable deposit of **£150.00** with your **application** and **photocopies**. The balance is payable by **November 24<sup>th</sup>** and your own school coordinator will inform you as to how and to whom you should pay your deposit and balance.

There will be two compulsory meetings for all parents and students involved. We will discuss the scheme and you can meet accompanying staff and students from the other schools. The first meeting will be on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm** at St Michael's Catholic Grammar School. The second is a pre-departure meeting for students to discuss the forthcoming visit to Europe.

**Once you have applied it must be clearly understood that you are then committed to the scheme if selected. Withdrawal for any reason will cause extreme complications to employers and our partner schools.**

You European partners will be completing their placements in London in January, February, and March 2018. You will be going on your placement to your country of choice in March 2017, with the exception of Sweden (February half term 2018).

**Provisional Dates:**

The dates are extremely provisional and will be confirmed later in the term. Please remember these are only *approximate* dates and could change.

**German Students in London:**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Belgian Students in London:**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Swedish Students in London:**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> February – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 (during their half term)

**Spanish Students in London:**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Italian Students in London:**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**London Students in Germany, Belgium, Italy and Spain**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**London Students in Sweden**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (during our half term)

This exchange has been running for twenty years and so far over 1000 students from the North London schools have participated in the scheme. All students should seriously consider applying for a place. It will broaden your horizons and provide a unique opportunity to learn about life in another country.

Yours sincerely

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