

# European Work Experience

An opportunity for  
linguists and  
non-linguists to  
participate in a  
worthwhile  
exchange project

# What is European Work Experience?

Taking part in an exchange of this kind is a rewarding and challenging experience. It represents a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the life of a foreign country.

- EWE is an exchange: students, go to 6 European destinations -Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Sweden - for a week, in return your partner will come to you for a week.
- It is different from other exchanges because you complete a 1 week work experience placement in your exchange country.
- It is an inter-school activity with 5 Barnet schools sending students to make up the exchange groups.
- It is not teacher directed with daily excursions for the whole group - it requires a high level of maturity and personal responsibility, with partners and their families, in workplaces, in foreign cities.
- **It is not a holiday!**

# What is the purpose of EWE and who is it for?

- EWE is intended to give students of AS French, German, Italian & Spanish the opportunity to use target language in a range of settings-boosting your language skills & AS prospects.
- Students who do not study a modern foreign language will have the opportunity to visit Sweden.
- It is a cultural experience of living & working in another country. In recent years about 100 students have participated each year, about 40 from St Michael's.
- It should develop your personal skills and help you to strengthen your UCAS applications in Y13.
- Y12 students of AS French, German, Italian or Spanish are usually invited to apply for those countries - participation is expected.
- It is a worthwhile exchange.
- Commitment and organisation are essential.