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Subject: Indo – German Cultural Exchange Programme for the AY 2026-27.

Dear Parents of Grades VIII and IX,

We are pleased to inform you that our school will be organizing an Indo–German Cultural Exchange Programme between **Christ School** (CBSE Syllabus) Bengaluru and **Gymnasium Maria Stern** Augsburg in Bavaria, Germany during the Academic Year 2026-27. The programme is designed to foster intercultural understanding, global citizenship, and meaningful international exposure for our students.

As part of this initiative, a group of ten students from Augsburg, Germany (six girls and four boys), will visit Bangalore from 23 October 2026 to 5 November 2026 and stay with the families of selected students from our school. In return, the selected students from our school will visit Augsburg in April 2027 for a period of approximately two weeks. During their stay, they will be hosted by German families and will participate in a variety of educational, cultural, and social activities.

The programme is open to students of Grades VIII and IX, and only ten students (six girls and four boys) will be selected. Selection will be based on academic performance, discipline, communication skills, adaptability, maturity, and overall suitability for the programme.

The basic requirements for participation are as follows:

1. The participating student and family should be willing to bear the total cost of the programme, which is estimated at approximately ₹3,00,000 (Rupees Three Lakhs only) per student, subject to variation based on airfare, visa charges, insurance, accommodation, and other related expenses.
2. The student should possess a valid passport. In the event that the student does not have a passport, parents are requested to initiate the application process at the earliest, as passport details will be required for the preliminary documentation and other formalities related to the programme.

3. The host family should be able to provide a well-furnished, self-contained single room for the guest student from Germany during his or her stay in Bangalore for two weeks.
4. The selected student will be required to attend and successfully complete the preparatory sessions organized by the school, which will include:
    a) A 15-day German language orientation programme.
    b) Training in the basics of photography, videography, documentation, and editing.
    c) A one-week programme on table etiquette and social etiquette.

Parents who are interested in having their ward participate in this programme are requested to submit their Expression of Interest to the school on or before Tuesday, 2 June 2026, by 9.30 a.m.

Based on the responses received, the school management will shortlist eligible candidates, and the shortlisted students will be informed subsequently.

We firmly believe that this exchange programme will provide students with an exceptional opportunity to broaden their horizons, appreciate cultural diversity, build international friendships, and develop into confident and responsible global citizens.

Looking forward to hearing from you and thanking you for your continued support and cooperation,

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Principal