

Sample Letter to Parents

"Kaffee und Kuchen"

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, your son/daughter will start learning German next year. In order to give him/her a little taste of what this will be like, we intend to teach enough German this term for pupils to be able to take part in our German café. This will take about three lessons. You may also like to join in the fun!

On Wednesday 8th July, between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm, our hall will be transformed into Café, Hafenburg, a German café. Some of our pupils will entertain you, and many who are studying German will be there to serve you various beverages and delicious cakes and biscuits. Our waiters and waitresses will speak only German, but there will be plenty of other pupils who will be willing to interpret. We hope to create a pleasant atmosphere and all the "Gemütlichkeit" (cosy and friendly atmosphere) normally associated with "Kaffee und Kuchen" (coffee and cake) time in Germany. At 6.00 pm there will be a Grand Auction of any remaining food and table decorations.

The whole project is based on that topic which pupils have to learn anyway as they work their way to the GCSE exam. As part of their normal work our more experienced speakers of German will have interpreted recipes and learned how to be hosts/hostesses in German, while Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 pupils will have learned how to order food in a café. The Café gives our pupils a real context in which to use their German.

Pupils will also be involved in designing tickets, posters, menus and in pricing items sold in the Café. Any profit which is made will be used to help cover the cost of the new stage lighting.

There are many ways in which you as parents may help:

- ☐ coming along to the Café pretending you are in Germany, relying on our interpreters if you have no German, and thoroughly enjoying yourself. Our cakes and drinks will be extremely good value for money and our entrance tickets are only 10p each.
- ☐ baking and donating a cake from one of our recipes
- ☐ baking and donating your own speciality
- ☐ donating a table decoration
- ☐ spending some money at the auction

If you feel able to support this venture, please fill in the reply slip and return to _____ as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Teacher of German)

✍ _____

Reply slip

Please tick appropriate lines:

- ☐ I would like _____ tickets for "Kaffee und Kuchen" and enclose _____
- ☐ I would like to bake a cake and require a recipe
- ☐ I would like to bake a cake according to my own recipe
- ☐ I can provide a table decoration

Signed _____ Date _____

Name of child _____ Tutor Group _____