

## **Application Service for a Placement at a German High School and Boarding School**



### **Your Pathway to the Abitur (German High School Diploma)**

If you are interested in studying in Germany, you may consider boarding school as a pathway into a German university. In order to attend a boarding school and pass the „Abitur“ you need to know German on level B1 if you start in 9th grade and on level B2 if you start in 10th grade. If you need to do a language course you can book that as an extra. Our language schools are located in Hamburg and Kiel.

We offer an Application Service - a perfect addition to your language course or high school exchange program.

Our boarding schools:

For us a boarding school is much more than just a school - it is a second home. Our students become fully integrated in the German way of life! Besides studying for school, you will have lots of opportunities and be able to participate in many extra curricula activities. Teachers and students do not only interact in the classroom, but also live together and spend their free time together. All schools are in beautiful locations and offer everything students need for a great time in Germany. The special point about the program is, that we always choose a “real German” high school. That means that the schools we cooperate with are attended by Germans. In Germany many boarding schools are very international. We focus on those that are designed for Germans but also welcome international students. This way you stand a better chance of integrating into the German way of life and therefore being much better prepared for your studies at University. On top of this, those schools are non-profit making institutions and the quality of the education offered is very high. The difficult thing about those boarding schools is getting a place. The webpages are in German and they only take a few students each year. To get a place you need to pass an oral interview in German. Passing the interview is quite a cultural challenge and not something you can learn about in books. All this makes it very difficult for international students to apply.

Our service offers to place you at such a boarding school and to prepare you for passing the interview successfully.

#### **Service offered:**

- Application for a place at a German boarding school
- German language test, written and oral
- Preparation for the interview and entrance test
- Transport to the boarding school

- Material for the preparation
- Registration at the boarding school
- Explanation of contracts and rules
- Tutoring and mentoring until the placement at the boarding school is secured
- Visa service

### **Suggested additional program for High School Exchange students:**

If there is an additional language course close to the school and/or host family we will help to book a suitable language course for you whilst you are a high school exchange student. If there is no suitable language course nearby, we suggest you do the individual online language tutorial.

### **ONLINE INDIVIDUAL TUTORIAL FOR YOUR INTENSIVE GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE**

Exchange students speak German with their host family and their classmates daily. However, we highly recommend that you also attend an additional a language course, in order to improve your individual German language skills. Easier said than done. Since most of the students are usually placed in smaller localities within Germany, it can often be difficult to find an appropriate language course. Adult education centers often do not offer adequate integration courses. Language schools rarely offer courses which fulfil these needs. Furthermore, many students plan to do their high school degree, "Abitur", in Germany at a boarding school or even study at a German university or college after their stay as an exchange student. For such plans it is essential to learn target-oriented German. As a result, we aim to make it possible for all motivated students to participate in an individual online tutorial.

At the beginning of the course we will talk to every single student individually via Skype and create a tailor made study plan just for him or her. Following this plan, we will send the student a weekly written and oral comprehension/production task. The student will have one week in which to complete the given task on a certain topic. One week later, that task will be discussed and corrected during the Skype conversation. Due to the fact that the conversation will be face to face via Skype, mispronunciation can be corrected and we will be able to discuss the other mistakes the student may have made in the task. After the conversation, the student will receive a new task. Thanks to his/her private German teacher, the student's knowledge of the German language can be dramatically improved and the students will then be able to take full advantage of their exchange experience.

The course can be booked and then extended by monthly increments up to the 20th of each month. Every course starts on the first day of the upcoming month. In order to have an effective study plan, it is recommended to book a long-term course (in other words several consecutive courses). If the student wishes to cancel a course, it has to be done by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the said month.

Price per month: 210,- €

Included services:

- Creation of a study plan
- Weekly individual Skype-meetings with a German native speaker
- The sending of materials
- Analysis and correction of the texts that have been handed in
- Targeted preparation of the student's plans
- Support and enhancement of their German language skills
- Exams
- Certificate