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21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are in the early stages of securing a great opportunity for Year 10 pupils to be a part of Boston Spa School's first ever cultural exchange in Sweden with the **Kunskapsskolan** School in Orebro. This will involve hosting Swedish students and teachers in our homes in December, and being welcomed back to Orebro in May. The visits will provide opportunity for the children to broaden horizons, make new friends and attend one another's schools, as well as experiencing local history, communities and culture.

The number of places is limited by the number travelling from Sweden, and currently we are expecting a group of 7-10 to join us in the first week of December enabling the reciprocal visit to Orebro during the week of May half term between 29<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June. It is our intention to match the gender of the guest with that of the host. Both schools are seeking to limit costs, so we are requiring a little flexibility on exact dates at the moment to enable us to secure the best possible prices for flights.

The cost of the trip is expected to be £400. This will include return coach travel to airport, flights to and from Sweden, transfers from and to the airport in Orebro, a range of activities planned by the exchange school while in Sweden and the personalised 'Orebro/Boston Spa' hooded top. The only additional cost will be spending money when in Sweden and the costs incurred by you of feeding and housing a Swedish student for 4 nights from the 2<sup>nd</sup> December until the 6<sup>th</sup> December. It will be necessary to take a deposit to secure a place and we will provide a monthly payment scheme when we know who is participating.

As places are very limited and we expect a high level of interest, we are asking our students to write an entry letter for their chance to participate. This letter should explain why they feel they should be chosen to represent Boston Spa on the international stage and what they feel they could bring to, or gain from, the new partnership. It should be no more than one side of typed A4. The letter should be anonymised; it will be given a number when it is handed in and in the event of more student interest than the Swedish school can host, the Humanities teachers will choose our ambassadors from the best of the anonymised letters.

We can only accept letters from students who also return the completed consent form (below). This will be taken as your confirmation that you give permission for your daughter/son's participation and that you are willing to host a Swedish student in December.

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All letters must be received by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, and handed in to the Humanities office, where their planner will be signed to indicate that it has been received. In the event of your child being successful in securing a place we will let you know by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. I will hold an information evening for all participating families on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm, where we will be able to introduce you to the **Kunskapsskolan** School in Orebro.

The trip will be led by me and Mr McKeogh who will act as hosts for the Swedish teachers. As with all school trips and visits this will be underpinned by full risk assessments undertaken under the supervision of Leeds City Council and we will expect all our children to embrace these expectations in full when either guest or host.

Thank you for your interest and support; I look forward to receiving those letters of application!

Kind Regards,

Miss S Miller

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I give consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for a place on the Swedish exchange trip. I confirm that I/We can host a Swedish pupil from 2<sup>nd</sup> December until 6<sup>th</sup> December and that if my child is successful I will provide a deposit and attend the information evening.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_