Autumn Letter 2016

Dear colleagues,
dear parents and students,
dear all other staff,

With this letter we would like to inform you of all school news. As we publish these letters every quarter of the year to the parent evenings there is lots to tell:

On 18th August a workshop took place with 12 of our students with musicians from the Syrian institution of exile musicians as part of the Funun-Festival. The students were able to use original instruments and a dervish dancer completed the presentation. On 14th August Ms Bartsch visited a concert of the same exile musicians with 8 of our students in the Bremer Glocke.

On 6th September we were once again certified as a MINT-friendly school. Mr Mews, our MINT-representative, had completed all the preparations for the award which took place at the Universum of Bremen.

On 30th September, the last day before the autumn holidays, our traditional Sponsored Run took place which Year 5 – 8 took part in. The raised money will be used to improve the equipment in the club rooms. Year 8 will use the money for their trip to England next year.

On 6th November our school once again took part in the international Gröpelingen Storytelling Festival „Feuerspuren“ with a group of Year 8 students with Mr Brandes and a group of students who are new to our country with Ms Bartsch and an artist from ‘Kultur vor Ort’. The audiences were very excited.

Year 5: The year trip of our Year 5 group from 24th – 28th October will be remembered by all. Unfortunately a virus took over which lead to an early departure for all. Apart from that bad luck the trip to the school hostel ‘Verdener Brunnen’ was a great success.

Year 7: On 19th September our Year 7 football players came 1st on the sixth day of a tournament as part of ‘Zeig Zivilcourage’. Mr Arambasic accompanied and encouraged the students to this media event.

Year 9: From 4th to 9th September around half of the Year 9 students went to Hastings in England in order to polish up their language skills. The other half had the opportunity to work on the piece „Seymour“ in a theatre workshop as part of our co-
operation with the **Theatre Bremen** and they presented their work at the end of the week at the Moks Theatre in front of an audience.

**Year 10:** At the end of September a group of students accompanied by Ms Klein followed an invite by Mr Schuster, a member of the EU parliament, with around 20 other youths from Walle/Gröpelingen to **Brussels** in order to witness the work of the European parliament.

A further highlight in Year 10 is *Incoming Buddies* which is a programme for exchange students from the College of Bremen and ten of our Year 10 students. The project started on 17th October and ends on 5th December 2016. Mr Altinöz, who works for the ‘Gröpelinger Marketing’, initiated this project and promoted it at our school. Furthermore the Year 10 students are busy with getting ready for the project exams from 28th November to 2nd December. Career advice and orientation is also a topic right now: Information evenings and visits at the senior schools will be taking place in the following weeks. On 23rd November the **Day of Vocational Education** takes place. As part of that Ms Tisborn from the senior school ’Utbremen‘ will inform our students in detail of further vocational opportunities after Year 10.

Kind Regards

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