

Third Farlingaye German Conference

On Saturday December 19th, over 60 students from 10 local schools met for a day of talks and workshops on all things German. The day started with an inspiring talk by Liam Flin in Year 13, about his participation in the German Scholarship Programme, a scheme for talented students of German, funded by the German government. Mr Lewington, parent of Lily Lewington in Year 12, talked about how German can help you build a successful career. Dr MacMillan, Reader in the School of Chemistry at the University of East Anglia, showed how German can enhance your career prospects in Science. Georgiana Iote, a final year student at the University of Essex gave an account of her year abroad studying in Berlin. A poetry writing masterclass led by Frau Kupfer, a visiting teacher from the Winckelmann Gymnasium in Stendal, Germany, allowed students to produce their own micro poems. Farlingaye's own German Language Assistant and that of Hadleigh High School, led a session on funny compound nouns. Did you know that in German a skunk is a 'stink-animal' and a sloth a 'lazy-animal'? Farlingaye's Year 12 students introduced the delegates to German music. During the lunch break there was an opportunity to sample some German food – pretzels and 'Berliner' and to informally chat to speakers and our current Year 12 students about studying German at A level. After a talk by a freelance journalist on British-German communication against the background of the recent vote to leave the European Union, the day concluded with a talk by Dr Kolkenbrock of the University of Cambridge, who spoke about studying German at university. I would like to thank the "Think German Network" at the University of East Anglia for their financial support and all participating speakers. Thanks also go to the Association for Language Learning who sponsored the prize-draw.

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