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WE WANT YOU !

Language Assistant wanted for a Junior High School in Dortmund / Germany

The Johann-Gutenberg-Realschule (JGR) in Dortmund is looking for an English language assistant for the coming school year 2014/15.

The JGR is a junior high school for ages 10 to 16 with 45 teachers and around 700 students.

In 2011/12 the school established a bilingual German / English profile for certain classes. Interested students can join in on a voluntary basis. From the beginning they are given six instead of four lessons of English every week. Later on Geography, History and Politics will be taught in English as well.

In 2013/14 we had an assistant from Ireland who supported us intensively. We wish we could welcome a new assistant from an English speaking country again. But this year it turns out to be hard because there are far more demands than offers. But we will not give up hope !

What could YOU do being a language assistant at our school ?

You mainly take out small groups out of the class to give them individual attention and answer all their queries about a topic. Regarding the younger students in form 5 (beginners) the assistant takes out 4-5 to practice reading and building confidence in speaking skills.

With regard to your own small project group (independent from the regular class) you can express creativity. You can write your own lesson plans and decide what you want to teach (like fun activities or a theatre play, anything that encourages the students to speak to you in English) !

Our older students can also benefit greatly from you, particularly before oral exams in form 9 and 10. You would be covered with material or organise your own in order to inspire students to debate about things. It could also be a good idea to set up mock exams with 2 or 3 students taken out separately.

If you like you might also get the opportunity to teach a lesson on your own with the teacher sitting at the back of the classroom.

What about the city ?

Dortmund is a former coal and steel hub in the industrial Ruhr heartland with around 500 000 inhabitants. There are still traces of industrial culture to be seen but the sites of steel, beer and coal have changed their roles: They are museums, theatres, monuments, stages oder recreation centres now. The city has also got the largest football stadium in Europe, an average of 75 000 people attend the home games of the „Borussia“ team. The city offers great shopping options and a variety of festivals like the „Hanseatic Market“ or „Wine Festival“. There is also a university and different colleges and polytechnics.

Lots of different cultures have enriched the life and atmosphere of the city. You won't get bored !

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