

## **A chance to spend one semester as an assistant in a secondary school in England**

Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School in Derbyshire, England offers the opportunity to students from Dortmund University to spend one semester as an assistant in the school.

You can find more information about the school at [www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Here are the details about the placement.

You can start in early October and your placement will last until mid-February; or you can choose the later placement where you start at the beginning of March and continue until the end of June. The specific start and end dates can be modified to suit your preferences. We can host one assistant on each placement.

You will work as a volunteer in the school for 12-16 hours each week. You can choose the area of the school where you would like to work but you would spend at least 2 hours each week as an assistant in German language classes. The school teaches the full range of subjects: English, Maths, Science, Languages, History, Geography, Sport, Music, Drama, Art, ICT, Technology (Textiles, Woodwork, Food) and there are pupils in the school from ages 11-18. The school has the full range of abilities from the very bright students who will go on to study at university, to those who need lots of help and support with their learning. The school has also a very strong department for Learning Support where we help pupils who have significant learning difficulties (dyslexia, literacy problems, numeracy problems, socially challenged pupils etc). The school is a specialist school for Technology but all subjects are popular and well taught in the school.

There is no payment available from the school for this, unfortunately, but we shall help you with finding accommodation etc. There may be grants available from the German National Agency (KultursMinisterKonferenz [www.kmk-pad.org](http://www.kmk-pad.org)). The staff at the University in Dortmund may be able to help you with this information. There are various accommodation possibilities but assistants usually rent a room in a family house either in Sheffield or in Chesterfield. Costs for a room are approximately 450€ per month. This usually includes the use of all facilities (washing, cooking, bedding, electricity etc). Food, travel and entertainment can cost you another 350€ per month. Therefore for a placement of 4 months it will probably cost you just over 3,000€. This is not a cheap option but it is a significant opportunity for the right student.

The school is in Dronfield and has 1,800 pupils. There are very few behaviour problems in the school and most children work very well. They are polite and helpful and the teaching staff will be happy to have you in the school. The school is fully committed to an international perspective in its work with pupils and we have many visiting teachers and students in the school each year. At the end of your placement the school will provide you with a certificate to prove that you have completed the placement successfully.

Dronfield, twinned with Sindelfingen near Stuttgart, is a small town with 20,000 inhabitants so most assistants choose to live in Sheffield or Chesterfield. Sheffield, twinned with Bochum, is a university city with 600,000 inhabitants. The city is culturally very diverse with cinemas, theatres, sports activities etc. Chesterfield, twinned with Darmstadt, is smaller (90,000 inhabitants) but also with cinemas, theatres, and good sports facilities.

The countryside (the Peak District national park) is within easy reach of Chesterfield, Dronfield and Sheffield (maximum 5 kms from the centre of each town) and offers many open air activities – climbing, walking, canoeing, cycling etc. From this area in England it is easy to visit many other towns and cities nearby. There are good rail connections with Manchester, York, Leeds, Nottingham, Lincoln etc.

Emily Stutz at the University in Dortmund can answer any questions about the placement. Applications are available on the school placements page.