

1st May 2026

International Youth Games in Lorrach, Germany, July 2026

I am delighted to announce that Blacon High School has been asked by the Chester International Links Association to represent Chester at the prestigious International Youth Games. The Games will take place in Lorrach, Germany, over 4 days (3 nights). We will participate in a number of sports alongside students from France, Italy and Germany.

The Games will include a number of sports challenges, social gatherings, intercultural exchanges and experiences. Back in 2024, we had an enjoyable experience at Sens, France where they hosted the International Youth Games. Blacon High School is proud to be asked to represent Chester in Germany in 2026.

Your child has been selected by the PE Department to represent the School at the International Youth Games because of their attainment and behaviour in PE, their commitment to extra-curricular sport, along with their positive attitude and team work skills.

The International Youth Games will take place from **Friday 10th July to Monday 13th July 2026**. We are inviting current Year 8 and Year 9 boys and girls, and it is hoped that a squad of 8 students will travel to Lorrach, accompanied by 2 members of PE staff, Mr Forbes and Mrs Wright.

This opportunity will allow us to develop the great sporting talent that we have within these year groups, and will allow students to play sport with students from different countries and cultures in a very different environment and at professional facilities. It will allow them to play sport with, and against, foreign teams who will have different styles of play and it will also give them the chance to experience the lifestyle and culture of Germany, one of Europe's major countries.

The total cost of the trip is **£120**. This covers the cost of return flights to Basel. The school has secured some funding through sponsorship to cover some of the flights cost, accommodation, transport within airports and majority of meals are all provided, which has been done to ensure that the cost for students to participate is as low as possible. Blacon High School will provide transport to and from Manchester Airport, so the only other cost to students is the cost of a passport if required (as all students must have their own passport) and the recommended spending money of €90 (approx £80).

The trip will be available to pay on Parentpay, or by barcoded letter on request from reception. If required, the cost will be payable across a deposit of **£20** and two instalments of **£50**:

- Deposit: £20 to be paid by Friday 8th May
- Instalment 1: £50 to be paid by Friday 5th June
- Instalment 2: £50 to be paid by Friday 26th June

An evening meeting has been arranged on **Wednesday 20th May 5pm** at Blacon High School to go through the itinerary of events in more detail once the hosting city has been confirmed. We would like to politely ask that you bring your child's passport to this meeting.

We ask that you complete the attached permission form and hand it in to reception as soon as possible, or that you alternatively fill in the information requested through Parentpay.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any further questions or queries.

Yours sincerely



Lee Cairns
Head of PE

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GAMES – LORRACH, JULY 2026

Please Return Slip to School Office by Friday 15th May 2026

Student name:..... Tutor Group:.....

I confirm that..... can attend the International Youth Games in Lorrach, Germany 2026

Please give details of **2** contact telephone numbers: (Name and telephone number)

Contact 1:

Contact 2:

Medical issues:

Special dietary requirements:

Signed: (Parent/Carer)

Date:.....