

Partnership agreement
between
St. David's High School, Midlothian
and
Hordaland fylkeskommune/Amalie Skram videregående skole

Purpose of agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to integrate students from Hordaland, Norway, in the 2nd level into St. David's High School in Dalkeith, Midlothian for one school year to promote an educational experience in Scotland. The students will return to Norway at the conclusion of the school year in Scotland.

Implementation

The choice of 2nd level will be agreed upon by Amalie Skram vgs and St. David's High School to assure that the national requirements of Vg2 STUSP in Norway are met. As a general guideline the students must attend around 26 lessons a week in at least 7 different level/subjects and pass the final exams, and/or have their coursework accepted.

Students will attend 33 lessons per week but they will only sit 5 SQA Highers (these exams are the entry qualifications to university) with an optional additional Higher in Physical Education. They will also be required to study Religious Education but there would be no final exam.

(Additionally the students will have to take the following courses:

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to meet the current Vg2 STUSP requirements.)

The students should also have time to study the subjects of History and Norwegian language

We could build this into our timetable – either to replace PSE (Personal and social development), core PE or Religious Education. Armadale Academy had taught days when teachers from Norway came over. This would be possible during our teacher in-service days but I would suggest a distance learning programme could be timetabled weekly?

St. David's High School will provide Hordaland fylkeskommune/Amalie Skram videregående skole with a complete transcript of the grades in the subjects taken for each of the students enrolled in the programme.

When? Results from SQA (Scottish Qualification Authority) exams are published each August post exam diet.

The students agree to follow all regulations of St. David's High School.

St. David's High School is responsible for appointing a contact person/teacher for the students.

Accommodation

The students will be accommodated in host families in Dalkeith and the Midlothian area. The contact person/teacher is responsible for the recruitment and supervision of the host families. The contact person/teacher must assure that the host family provides a safe, stable and welcome home for the student. The host family should care for the student as if he or she were a member of the family. The student should take part in the everyday life of the host family, and they should do the same amount of everyday household chores and obey the same rules as other teenage members of the family. The student will need his or her own bedroom with a bed and a desk, and the house must be within reasonable distance from the school whether by walking, public transport or other form of transportation.

Responsibilities

Hordaland fylkeskommune provides insurance for the student that covers 180 days per school year. The student will have to buy a private insurance to cover the remaining period ("studentforsikring").

Funding

Hordaland fylkeskommune/Amalie Skram videregående skole pay? We have taken advise from the previous Headteacher of Armadale who organised the Haram partnership: The school was paid £3000 per student and host families recieved £120 per week.

The students receive support from Statens Lånekasse in Norway, which will cover payments to the host families for accomodation and food as well as public transport and spending money.

This agreement will be valid from the school year 2017/2018.

This is an agreement between the two schools; Our Headteacher being Wendy Sutherland.

School administration – Midlothian?

Headteacher, St. David's High School

Director of Education and Training, Hordaland fylkeskommune
Headteacher, Amalie Skram videregående skole