

May 13, 2010

Dear Parents of Rising Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors,

I would like to inform you of a wonderful opportunity that is open each year to qualified students entering grades nine, ten and eleven – The Knox School/Bedstone College Exchange. This exchange with our “sister” school, Bedstone College in Shropshire, United Kingdom, is a long-standing auxiliary program established in 1982. Over the years, many students from both schools have found this experience to be an outstanding one, and some have even called it the “highlight” of their high school years.

This fall, once again, two students from Knox will have the opportunity to spend the fall term at Bedstone College. The Knox administration selects students for the exchange, based on their expressed desire to participate and their willingness to be positive ambassadors for Knox during their stay at Bedstone. Therefore, applicants must be in good standing academically and socially. Because the academic requirements of the British educational system differ from those of the American system, there are academic challenges for students who participate in the exchange. These occur primarily in the areas of math and foreign language. Consequently, students selected to participate in the exchange may need to do summer work in math and foreign language to compensate for the material they will miss while they are at Bedstone. They will also be required to do independent study in math and foreign language while at Bedstone and take a fall term exam in these two disciplines upon their return to Knox.

Participants in the exchange pay no additional tuition charges to either school. However, families must cover the cost of a visa application and transportation, as well as activities and personal spending while your child is in the U.K. The fall term at Bedstone begins during the first week of September and ends in early December, shortly after our second term commences. Therefore, because Knox students are expected to return to school at the beginning of the second trimester, they generally miss the final days of Bedstone’s autumn term.

We are asking that all returning students interested in be considered for participation in the exchange submit an application by Tuesday, June 1, 2010. If you would like to learn more about Bedstone College, you may enjoy visiting www.bedstone.org. In addition, as coordinator of the exchange, I will be happy to speak with you personally.

Best regards,

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KNOX SCHOOL/BEDSTONE COLLEGE EXCHANGE
APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION
(Due Friday, June 1, 2010)

NAME OF STUDENT _____ GRADE _____

CITIZENSHIP: American Other: _____

RESPONSIBLE PARENT /GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail Address _____

STUDENT STATEMENT:

I _____ affirm that if chosen to participate in The Knox School/Bedstone College Exchange, I will represent my school with dignity and support The Knox School Core Values to the best of my ability while a participant.

Signature

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT:

I / we _____

The parent(s) or guardian (s) of _____ support my/our child's desire to participate in The Knox School/Bedstone College Exchange and will be responsible to both The Knox School and Bedstone College for all financial commitments.

Print Name

Print 2nd Name: (Optional)

Signature

2nd Signature (optional)

NOTE: Along with this application, the student candidate must submit a short letter stating why he or she wishes to be considered for the exchange, highlighting not only the personal advantage of such an experience, but also expressing how their participation will benefit both schools.