



A group of seven local students will be travelling to Biberach to represent the island. The students are pictured with Bailiff Sir Richard Collas, who presented them with distinctive green hoodies in the Bailiff's Chambers at the Royal Court. (Picture by Tom Tardif, 11381764)

# Biberach visit raises awareness

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GUERNSEY and Biberach will celebrate their links with a forthcoming visit there by island schoolchildren.

This is the second time Guernsey Young Ambassadors have been to Biberach – a group travelled there in October 2012.

Group leader Ken Wheeler said the relationship today was in stark contrast to the past.

'The aim of the visit is to raise the awareness of Guernsey's links with Biberach, arising out of the dark days of islanders' internment there in the Second World War and leading to the very positive relationship that exists today between the town and Guernsey.'

'The current group of seven students were nominated anonymously by their schools as being the sort of young people who would represent their island very well. They were selected after interview from the larger group of nominees and offered the chance to visit the town of Biberach. This year the visit is timed to coincide with Biberach's celebration of its link with Guernsey during two weeks of themed events there.'

The Guernsey students will attend civic functions, visit German schools and take part in classes. The students have prepared a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate their talks

about Guernsey to German students.

Bailiff Sir Richard Collas presented the group with distinctive green hoodies and told the group that when he visited the area, his fondest memory was of the locals' hospitality.

The group leaves on Sunday and returns on Saturday 31 October.

Grammar School pupil Rachael Evans, 14, was looking forward to it.

'Going into the school will be my favourite bit. We are giving some talks about Guernsey. I am definitely going to make a real effort to get to know people.'

St Sampson's High School pupil Matt Holland, 14, was in need of an English-German dictionary before going.

'I am going to have to learn a few words of German for sure. I am looking forward to seeing the difference in technology in the schools between Guernsey and Germany.'

Ladies' College pupil Chloe Curtis, 16, said: 'I am very excited about going. I love talking about Guernsey and I am excited about meeting the German students and practising my German.'

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