

**Kyrill (17) aus Konotop zu seinem Aufenthalt am Domgymnasium in Verden (Aller) im Rahmen des Recreation-Projektes 2025:**



This exchange shifted my perspective on Germany. I was mesmerised by your villages, sense of community, infrastructure, cultural heritage, your society and hospitality, by Verden, your teachers, by your knowledge of English, your lessons, the choir and clubs. By Domgymnasium. It was a truly plentiful and fun time. There is a lot for us to learn from you and your educational system. I hope that next year other children from my school will get to experience what I got to experience.

But I would never have discovered these things if it hadn't been for the hospitality and support of your school. Thank you.

I also want to thank the families who were not afraid to let another child into their homes against all odds. I'm sure this exchange proved to you that it's easy to find common ground with Ukrainians and turn these 3 weeks into an extraordinary and enjoyable experience for both of us.

While it may not seem like a lot, believe me, it was a life-changing experience in its own way for us. Many Ukrainian children, especially in the East, have never been abroad and by this act of courage you made it possible for eight children to see beautiful Germany and rest on its peaceful, picturesque lands from the constant daily threats back home. Without you, the host-families, the figure would've been 0, not 8. We are thankful to you.

Last but not least, I appreciate the meaningful conversations, the knowledge you gave me and activities you prepared. This journey inspired me to learn German, promote prosperity in my own country and try to make our school life back home similar to yours.

I hope we'll meet again, dear friends, but for now it's a goodbye.

Google Ukraine at least every once in a while. Please.