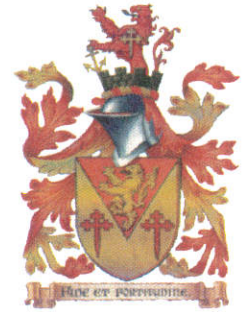


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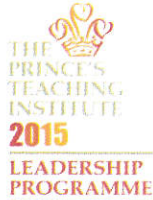
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July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

French Exchange

WHSG is pleased to announce the inception of a French Exchange with two schools in Rouen, Normandy: Institution Saint-Victrice, a collège (years 7-10) and Institution Rey, a lycée (years 11-13). This is a very attractive area of France; Rouen is a large city on the lower Seine River, offering numerous cultural opportunities, with extensive historical connections to England.

WHSG will be pairing with our neighbours, Westcliff High School for Boys, as both French schools are mixed. The exchange will involve 20 pupils from each school, from Key Stage 4 and 5.

The exchange offers your daughter an unrivalled opportunity for full immersion into French language and culture, which will enable her to practise and improve her French language skills. This will be of particular benefit to those pupils in year 11 and 13, who are due to take their final oral examinations in French in the next academic year. While Westcliff students are in France, they will spend one or two days in the host schools and there will be a range of programmed visits during 3 or 4 days. The weekend will be spent with the host family and friends. English staff accompany trips and are on-call outside these hours in France. The same applies to the French party in England.

The provisional dates for the exchange are as follows:

French students in England from Thursday 10th November to Friday 18th November 2016
English students in France from Thursday 30th March 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

Please note that English students will be in France during the first week of the Easter holidays. This is still term time in France.

Involvement in the exchange involves commitment on the part of students and their families, and in signing up, pupils are agreeing to complete both halves of the exchange. Families must be prepared to host the French student in their homes in November 2016, providing transport to school and all meals, and your daughter will receive the same in return when they visit their host families in April 2017.

The cost of participation in the exchange is expected to be around £350.00. At this stage, this is a guideline and is subject to change. This price includes transport to and from France, entrance to visits and attractions and transport whilst in France, and all necessary insurance and contingencies. The exact price will be confirmed in September, once the programme has been finalised with the French schools and travel arrangements have been secured. A clear timeline of events will be given to all participants and their parents in September, when we will also be able to confirm the itinerary for your daughter whilst in Rouen, and the itinerary of their French partner whilst in England.

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THE DIANA AWARD



International School Award
2013-2014



Healthy School



"Supporting Excellence in Education"



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We hope that your daughter/son will want to participate in the exchange. **If so, she/he must hold a valid passport and a European health insurance card (EHIC.) Attendance of participants and their parents at two evening briefing meetings in October 2016 and in March 2017 is a condition of participation.**

Places on the exchange are limited to 20 pupils from WHSG. Should you wish your daughter/son to participate, **a non-refundable deposit of £100.00 is required. Please make this payment using ParentPay by Wednesday, 13th July 2016.** If you have any problems making payment please telephone Mrs Emery on 01702 476026 to make payment over the telephone.

Please also complete and sign the declaration attached and return to the school office as soon as possible. I also attach a form to be completed by your daughter/son, which will help us to find them a suitable French partner. Pupils should return the form to Mrs Piper in the languages office as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email or telephone at school if you have any further queries. I look forward to receiving your daughter's/son's application and being able to offer her/him this uniquely rewarding experience.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E. Piper
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Return to box outside school office

**WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
French Exchange 2016-2017**

I hereby give permission for my daughter/son: _____
of Form: _____ to participate in the French Exchange.

I agree to pay the non-returnable deposit of £100.00 on ParentPay by Wednesday 13th
July 2016 and agree to pay the subsequent instalments on time.

Full name as shown on passport: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____

Start Date: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Nationality: _____

*My daughter does not / does have a special dietary requirement.

Specify diet/food allergies

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Child protection: I declare that neither I nor anybody else who will be resident in the house or any other person likely to come into contact with the allocated French guest during the period of their stay in November 2016 has any conviction relating to children or debarring contact with children.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Carer)

(*Please delete as necessary)

FRENCH EXCHANGE INFORMATION FORM – TO BE COMPLETED BY PUPILS.

Please fill in this form as thoroughly as you can, it will be used to help us match you with a French exchange partner. Please return it to **Mrs Piper in the MFL office** as soon as possible.

Full name:

Form next year:

Brothers or sisters (please specify how many, and their ages):

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Do you have any pets (please specify)?

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Are you allergic to any animals? If yes, please specify YES / NO

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Please give details about your hobbies and interests, and any extracurricular activities in which you participate

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On a separate piece of paper, please outline briefly why you wish to participate in the exchange, and what you hope to gain from the experience, and attach it to this form.