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# Ripon Grammar School

*Engineering Specialism within a Grammar School*



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## **FRENCH EXCHANGE 2015-2016**

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Following our successful visit to Charente-Maritime in October/ November 2015, the French pupils whom your sons/ daughters stayed with, are now looking forward to their visit to North Yorkshire. Here are some final details regarding the itinerary for the group's visit.

The group will arrive **at 21:45-22:00 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**, and will depart at around **06:00 on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**. Arrival and departure will take place at the **Ripon Grammar School bus park**.

On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, the French pupils can be taken to school along with pupils, and they will accompany their partners in lessons. I have organised a timetable for the groups taught that day, which I have copied here. It is hoped that the experience of a day in a British school will be of cultural and educational value to the visiting pupils. During this day, it would be helpful if **Ripon Grammar School pupils could arrange lunch for their partners** in the dining room, either by buying it at the canteen or bringing in a packed lunch for them.

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** (the last day of term) I have organised an excursion for the visiting group, who will spend the day in Ripon. Once again, if the visiting French pupils can be brought into school, and provided with a **packed lunch**, they will be ready to collect once the school day finishes at 15:55; RGS pupils will not accompany the group on this excursion.

Once term finishes on Thursday afternoon, it will be up to you, as hosts, to take care of the visitors and to make sure that they have a good experience. I will be in the local area for the duration of the visit, and I will be hosting the visiting group's teacher in charge, Madame Catherine Plisson, so if any problems arise we will be on hand to help. My contact details are below.

If there are any questions at this stage, do not hesitate to email me at [chamberlaint@ripongrammar.co.uk](mailto:chamberlaint@ripongrammar.co.uk). My number, if you need to contact me by phone or by text, is 07976 906569.

I would like to thank you for the commitment you are making in looking after a visiting teenager for a week. Please remember that it may be their first time away from their family, so do be as welcoming as possible, as the French students may take time to adjust.

Yours sincerely

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## ITINERARY FOR FRENCH EXCHANGE VISIT, 22-31 March 2016

**Tuesday 22 March:** Arrival of group in Ripon c.21:45-22:00 at RGS bus park

**Wednesday 23 March:** French students to attend classes with their partners. See attached timetable.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** French students come into school with partners. RGS pupils have lessons as per usual.

09:30 – walking into Ripon

10:00-12:00 – visit and activities at the Ripon Workhouse Museum

12:00-13:00 – lunch (picnic) in Spa Gardens

13:00-14:00 – treasure hunt in Ripon town centre

14:00-15:00 – visit to Ripon Cathedral (to be confirmed)

Return to Ripon Grammar School in time for departure of buses (15:55)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** with host families

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** with host families

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** with host families

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** with host families

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** French students to be dropped off in school by 10:00

The group (accompanied by Mr Chamberlain) will either walk up to Fountains lower entrance (through the park), or if the weather is poor, they will be driven to the top entrance in the school minibus.

11:00-14:00 – visit to Fountains Abbey and picnic

Return to Ripon Grammar School by 14:30

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** with host families

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** French students to be brought to school by **06:00** for their departure.