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# Ripon Grammar School

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## **FRENCH EXCHANGE 2019-20**

Dear parents and pupils,

This is a final call for interest in the French Exchange. This year, we have had fewer applicants than normal and I would like to see more pupils taking in part. There is also the option, for those who would rather not travel to France in October, to host a French student in April as part of the return leg of the exchange. Some may find this preferable, either because they have plans in October half term, or simply because they prefer this option as a means of making a French-speaking contact who could possibly be visited at a later date. If this second option is preferred, please show your intended participation by completing the form below, but state clearly 'HOSTING ONLY' at the top of the form, please.

We are planning a French Exchange with our partner school, the **Institution Saint Louis** in Pont l'Abbé d'Arnoult, near Saintes in the Charente-Maritime *département*. Hundreds of Ripon Grammar pupils have benefited, over a period of 31 years, from this well-established exchange. The exchange is open to pupils studying French in the Fourth Year, Fifth Year and Sixth Form in 2019-20.

The exchange works as follows: RGS pupils will travel to France from **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** (part of the way through half term, returning in the first week after half term). The French group will travel here on approximately 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2020, staying for a week. We are yet to finalise these dates, and they may shift by a day in either direction. Travel is most likely to be by air, flying from London Stansted. The cost should be no more than **£350**.

During the exchange, pupils will stay with host families. We will match pupils up by age, interests and family background, after asking participants to fill in detailed questionnaires (see the attached questionnaire, which should be handed directly to Mr Chamberlain by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September). Pupils will attend some lessons in the French school and take part in organised outings, but spend the bulk of the time with their partner and the host family, due to the fact that there is a holiday during part of our visit. Previous group visits have included Futuroscope theme park, Cognac, Saintes, the Ile d'Aix and Rochefort. The main aim is to give pupils the opportunity to improve their listening and speaking skills, but clearly there are lots of other personal benefits involved.

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Pupils who do the exchange nearly always see their motivation and their marks raised. Above all, a large number of those involved find that they make a new friend – often for life. We recommend the exchange strongly to you as an educational experience.

Please note also that we cannot accommodate French students in the boarding houses as the exchange is designed to be a family based experience, so boarders would have to make alternative arrangements for the couple of nights in April 2020 when their partners come to the UK – this is not an insurmountable problem.

An important, and new, aspect of the 2019-20 exchange is that, due to County Council guidelines on child safeguarding, we will be requiring all adults who will be present in the households of UK host families (receiving French pupils to stay with them around Easter 2020) to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. A similar check will be completed by adults present in the households of French host families. We will inform you of the procedure once you have booked your son/ daughter to go on the exchange.

If you would like your son/ daughter to take part please make a deposit payment of £100 on Parent Pay.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I.T. Chamberlain

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

**Please see next sheet for form to return to [chamberlaint@ripongrammar.com](mailto:chamberlaint@ripongrammar.com)**

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RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL / INSTITUTION SAINT LOUIS

Parents: please complete this form with your child neatly and clearly in black ink (to facilitate photocopying). It will be read by your French partner and family. Give as much detail as possible, in order to help us match you with the right person. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE on 01.09.19 \_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_ months      DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS

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Home telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil's personal email/ mobile number \_\_\_\_\_

Email of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Parental mobile phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Start date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' OCCUPATIONS (parents – emplois)

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NAMES AND AGES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS (Frères et soeurs)

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ANY ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR DIETARY NEEDS (Allergies, maladies, régime)

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WOULD YOU ACCEPT A PARTNER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Accepteriez-vous un correspondant du sexe opposé ?)

WOULD THE PARTNER HAVE A SEPARATE ROOM? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Votre correspondant aurait-il une chambre individuelle?)

HAVE YOU DONE AN EXCHANGE BEFORE? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Avez-vous déjà participé à un échange?)

HAVE YOU BEEN ABROAD BEFORE? GIVE DETAILS. (Voyages à l'étranger)

WHAT SORT OF ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OFFER YOUR FRENCH PARTNER? (Quelle sorte d'activités proposeriez-vous à votre correspondant?)

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WOULD YOUR PARENTS BE AT HOME DURING THE HOLIDAY?

(Vos parents seraient-ils à la maison pendant les vacances scolaires?) \_\_\_\_\_

WILL ANY OTHER ADULTS (INCLUDING SIBLINGS) BE PRESENT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD DURING THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD YOU ARE HOSTING AN EXCHANGE PARTNER ?

(Outre vos parents, aurait-il d'autres adultes qui seront présents dans votre maison pendant le séjour de votre correspondant chez vous ?)

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DETAILS OF ANY PETS (animaux de compagnie)

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HOBBIES, SPORTS, INTERESTS (Intérêts, loisirs)

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FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECTS (OR 'AS' LEVELS) (Matières préférées)

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PERSONALITY

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TYPE OF PARTNER PREFERRED (Type de correspondant recherché)

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WHAT TYPE OF HOUSE DO YOU LIVE IN? (Description de la maison)

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PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Mr I. T. Chamberlain by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Thank you!**  
**chamberlaint@ripongrammar.com**