

11th July 2019

## Year 10 French Exchange 2019 – 2020

English students in France: 11-18 November 2019  
French students in England: 27 March – 3 April 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

Following last year's successful French Exchange with Lycée Montesquieu, a mixed secondary school in Bordeaux in the south west of France, I am writing to inform you of the French Department's intention to organise a similar trip for the next academic year.

**Our exchange students will fly to Bordeaux on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and return Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019** in a party escorted by myself and one member of staff from the French Department and we remain on hand for the duration of the stay. There are organised outings to Bordeaux and the surrounding area, such as the Dune du Pilat, Europe's tallest sand dune, and various cultural activities. There will also be opportunities to participate in excursions with the host families and our students will spend at least one day in school with their partners. The boys are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to practise French with their host families.

For the English leg, much the same arrangements apply, with Judd organising several outings for the French students plus a joint day trip with their English counterparts. **The French students will be arriving on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and leave on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020** so there will also be plenty of opportunity for you to show your guest some local sites of interest.

As we are constrained by the number of exchange partners at the Lycée Montesquieu there are **25 places available**. The French school is mixed so a number of the visiting students will be female and we pay considerable attention to matching partners as closely as possible according to age and interests, in order to ensure a happy exchange.

**The cost of this trip last year was £468** and we will firm up the exact cost once we know numbers of students participating, flights and activities chosen. This cost includes airfares, insurance, DBS checking, Travel to/from the airport as well as the English leg expenses for the French visit in March/April.

As a result of recent changes to the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance, the school now has to obtain DBS checks for all individuals aged 16 or over who will be involved in the exchange if they are taking part in any activity to do with the exchange that is not under the direct supervision of a member of Judd staff, this means the families of those students who are allocated a place. It also includes any siblings who either live at home with you or will be visiting during the exchange, as well as any other visitors/guests to your home at this time. We will be in touch in due course with further details about this but would like to flag up that it will be happening.

Subsequent to the changes to data protection rules following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations, I would advise that personal data regarding your son (photo, passport, dietary and relevant medical information) will be passed to our partner school, Lycée Montesquieu, to the respective airline and transport provider as well as host families. By paying the deposit, you are giving the school explicit permission to share this data with the relevant suppliers and partners as it is a necessity for the safe organisation of the trip and we are contractually bound to do so. Consequently, failure to agree will unfortunately mean that your son is unable to go. If you have any concerns about this or would like to know more information, please contact Mrs Morey on the above email.

**If you would like your son to participate in this trip**, please complete the online booking form, code of conduct form and passport information form via the links given below **by next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. There are **25 places available** so, if the trip is oversubscribed, a random selection will be made using an Excel function and parents are notified accordingly. Everyone else will be put on a reserve list on the same basis, in case it is not possible to find a suitable exchange partner for any individual, particularly as not everyone can accommodate a female exchange. This latter is only possible if a separate bedroom is available but, as we will not know the gender breakdown of the French students when we allocate our places, it is possible that someone could lose their place if they are unable to host a girl. We would make every effort to avoid this but, should it prove necessary, all monies paid will be refunded.

Please bear in mind that if there are fewer than 25 students, the cost stated overleaf could increase. **If your son has been allocated a place on the trip upon booking his interest, his place will need to be confirmed on receipt of a non-refundable deposit payment of £100.** We will be in touch before the end of term notifying you if you have a place and how to make payments. If financial difficulties prevent your son from participating in the trip, an approach can be made in confidence to our School Business Manager, Clare Morey. Please write via email in the first instance to [cmorey@judd.kent.sch.uk](mailto:cmorey@judd.kent.sch.uk).

If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to contact me. Any queries concerning booking your interest in the trip or future payments should be addressed to [trips@judd.kent.sch.uk](mailto:trips@judd.kent.sch.uk) quoting the name of the trip and your child's name.

**Booking of Interest Form:**

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ewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBG32TcNjVyvr3bUiBQ3oEkruZHKQpTCZYvnK8nifkVu6ppQ/vi<br/>ewform?usp=sf_link)

**Code of Conduct Form:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPdyzaG8RkCuh0lqD2iLV4gmesOlwN46A-8Z5AIEY-  
FLAwQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPdyzaG8RkCuh0lqD2iLV4gmesOlwN46A-8Z5AIEY-<br/>FLAwQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Passport Information Form:**

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