



24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

### **French Exchange to Theix in Brittany – May 2020**

We are delighted to have formed links with a school in Brittany and are now able to offer a French exchange trip for our next Academic year (2019-2020). Our previous exchanges have been very successful and pupils have found them very valuable. Theix is a small town 5 minutes away from the coast and the renowned port of Vannes in the Morbihan region.

We are offering the exchange to Year 9 and Year 10 pupils who will be matched with a French pupil of similar age and interests. Once we know the trip will go ahead, pupils will be able to correspond with their pen-friend by email prior to the visit.

We are intending to stay for five nights in Theix, provisional dates are from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Dates are provisional at this stage as transport arrangements have not yet been booked; however, we are intending to use the half term week. During this time, the pupils will stay with their pen-friend and take part in school and cultural activities as a whole group of pupils. We are intending to visit le Chateau Suscinio, the town of Vannes and the Menhirs of Carnac (a famous French Heritage site). We will also visit the island of Moines and kayak in the Gulf of Morbihan. For the gastronomes there will be an opportunity to taste various delicious crêpes. Pupils will be accompanied by members of College staff who will supervise their well-being throughout the stay.

Please be aware that a **valid passport** and EHIC card will be required for this trip.

Pupils who wish to go to Theix will be expected to host their pen friend on their visit here in October (expected to be Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, but dates are to be confirmed). The French pupils will spend one of their days in school with their pen-friend and participate in some school organised activities on the other days.

In line with our policy, we are required to inform you that DBS checks (formerly known as Criminal Record Bureau or CRB checks) will be carried out on all host families. Please note that if you do not agree to this, you should not agree for your son/daughter to take part.

We estimate the total cost will be in the region of **£320** and will confirm the exact costs when we know whether there is enough interest to make the trip viable. This will cover all our transport and insurance costs. It also includes the activities for the French pupils and accommodation for their staff during their visit to Chulmleigh. Our total price is based on 20 pupils taking part, should the trip be oversubscribed, names of pupils will be randomly selected in a fair and transparent way in order to allocate places. Should the final cost exceed £320 you will be given an opportunity to withdraw.

In order to avoid any disappointment we would like parents and pupils to commit in advance by paying a deposit of £100 by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact me if this poses a problem for you.

Should we get enough interest we will hold a meeting in September 2019. In the meantime should you wish to contact me, please email ([ljohnson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ljohnson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk)). This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to improve their French by being totally immersed in the language and for them to learn about the real way of life as part of a family/school. We hope pupils will be keen to take advantage of this opportunity. Should your child be interested, please complete and return the form attached with the deposit.

Yours faithfully

Laetitia Johnson  
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

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My child is interested in the French Exchange

Pupil's name \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

I have paid £100 deposit to reserve a place via sQuid online ([portal.squidcard.com](http://portal.squidcard.com))

I enclose a deposit of £100 to reserve a place. (cash / cheque)

Should your child be unsuccessful in obtaining a place on the trip please be aware that:

- The deposit will be refundable in full.

Should your child be successful in obtaining a place on the trip please be aware that:

- We will only be able to refund your deposit if we are subsequently able to fill the space
- Deposit refunds will be subject to a £15 administration charge

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_