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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: French Exchange 2018-2019

Following the success of this year's visit to France, I am delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in the French Exchange with our partner school, the Collège du Sacré Coeur in Versailles, in the next academic year. This trip is a unique and invaluable opportunity for students to experience the French way of life first-hand. It enables them to immerse themselves in the language and to practise with sympathetic native speakers in a very friendly environment.

The Exchange is offered to students in Year 9, who are prepared to match up with Year 9 French students. An exchange is a reciprocal offer of hospitality, the student stays with a person of similar age in France and in return they receive that person for a similar period of time as a guest in their home. We are also looking for some host families, who would be willing to host a French student even if they do not participate in the visit to Versailles. Please contact Miss Shahrad at school if you would be willing to host a French student.

- **Beaumont students will visit France from Thursday 4 to Wednesday 10 October 2018.**
- **French students will visit England from Wednesday 20 March to Tuesday 26 March 2019.**

We will travel to Paris by Eurostar, where we will be met by a coach which will take us on to Versailles. Each day Beaumont students will go on some exciting excursions together. We will explore the historic town of Versailles and will also spend time in Paris visiting many beautiful sights including the Arc du Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and have some shopping time! A very popular day is our visit to Disneyland. Students will spend evenings and the weekend with their French families who will make every effort to organise some interesting activities. A similar programme would be arranged for the French students when they visit pupils here.

As hosts you undertake certain responsibilities:

- You commit yourself to receiving a French child into your home – this does not mean that you have to have a spare bedroom; sharing is possible.
- You accept full responsibility for that child and agree to treat them as you would expect your own child to be treated.
- You pay for expenses the guest incurs in connection with your family activities (entrance tickets, fares, restaurant or café bills, etc.).
- You vet all activities proposed by your child or the guest and ensure that the visitor is not involved in events of which their parents might reasonably disapprove.

The total cost of the trip will be between approximately £280 and £350 per student. The price includes all travel, entrance fees and excursions, including a visit to a crêperie. As the price is dependent on the number of pupils involved, I will only be able to confirm the exact cost after the deadline for replies.

If you would like your child to participate in this enjoyable and educationally valuable trip, please complete the attached reply slip and return it via your child to the French Exchange box outside the Finance Office, no later than **Thursday 28 June**, along with a non-refundable deposit of £50. Once I am able to confirm the final cost, the balance will be due by **Friday 14 September 2018**. If you wish to discuss financial assistance or a possible extension on the payment deadline please contact the Finance Office before **Thursday 28 June 2018**.

Please note that once your child has been allocated a place on this trip you will be required to pay the full cost of the trip even if you or your child, subsequently change your mind about participating. We would of course make our best endeavours to mitigate the cost to you in these circumstances however we will be entering into a contract with our operators and/or travel companies based on your request for a place and you will be liable for any charges which are payable under that contract.

We hope to accommodate everyone who wishes to participate in the exchange however we are dependent on equal numbers of exchange partners being provided by the French school. In the event that the trip is over-subscribed, places will be allocated through a lottery. Should it not be possible to arrange for your child to be hosted in France, we shall of course refund your deposit in full.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Y. Shahrad
French Exchange Organiser





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FRENCH EXCHANGE 2018-2019

Please return to the 'French Exchange' box outside the Finance Office by Thursday 28 June 2018

Pupil's Surname: **(as on passport*)**.....

Pupil's Forenames: **(as on passport*)**.....

Form.....

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

** Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child's passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to Eurostar at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes may incur an extra charge.*

I would like my child to participate in the French Exchange from 4-10 October 2018 and agree to host to host a French student from 20-26 March 2019.

Please tick the appropriate box:

- I enclose £50 as the initial non-refundable deposit towards a total cost of between £280 and £350. I undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.
- I have made payment of the deposit online (NB: You must also return this form to school)
- I am happy to host a French student in our home even though my child will not be joining the trip to France

I agree to my child taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I will seek and adhere to any medical advice given from my GP.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

- A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my child are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.
- B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are
 - for this visit only permanent.

Signed.....Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date.....

