



Backwell School

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Dear Parents/Carers

French Exchange 2020

You may already know that the Modern Languages Department has a school link with the Collège Broussais in Dinan, Brittany, with whom we have successfully run an exchange for a number of years. The exchange provides an excellent opportunity for your son/daughter to develop his/her language skills in a real life context and to experience staying with a French family. A full programme of excursions and school-based activities has been planned, which we hope will enhance students' vocabulary and language skills, as well as being engaging and enjoyable. These activities also link in directly with areas covered in the GCSE syllabus for French. Apart from the curricular benefit, the exchange can have a wider influence in helping to develop a deeper understanding of similarities and differences, as well as shaping more positive, open and tolerant attitudes. In the past, students have also benefitted from increased self-confidence.

The anticipated cost of the exchange will be £280, depending on final student numbers. This price includes all transport, cabin accommodation for the overnight ferry journey and all of the excursions and activities throughout the week.

Our provisional dates are:

Dinan party in Backwell:	Beginning of December 2019
Backwell party in Dinan:	March 2020

Places on the exchange will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with priority being given to Year 10 students. If you would like your son/daughter to be provisionally allocated a place, please complete the reply slip overleaf and return it to the Modern Languages Office as soon as possible. The final deadline for return slips will be **Monday 1 July**. Once places have been confirmed, we will contact parents/carers regarding payment of a deposit and subsequent payment schedule, and will also provide an application form for completion, which will enable us to match Backwell students with Broussais students.

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It would be helpful to know at this stage whether you would be prepared to host another French student *in addition* to your son/daughter's exchange partner and whether you would be prepared to host a boy or a girl.

A meeting will be held for both parents/carers and students before each leg of the exchange, but if you do require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

H Young
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

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Please return to the Modern Languages office as soon as possible (deadline Monday 1 July).

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

Please indicate your preferences below.

- My son/daughter would like to take part in the 2020 French Exchange.
- We would be prepared to host another student *in addition* to the exchange partner.
We would prefer to host a boy a girl no preference

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Carer