



Backwell School

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Dear Parents/Carers

French Exchange 2019

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 approximately £280, dependent 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 for 2019:

Dinan party in Backwell: Monday 11 March to Monday 18 March

Backwell party in Dinan: Monday 17 June to Monday 24 June

Places on the exchange will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with priority given to year 10 students. If you wish your son/daughter to be provisionally allocated a place, please return the slip at the bottom of this letter to the **Modern Languages Office** as soon as possible. The final deadline for returning will be **Monday, 1 October**. Once places have been confirmed we will be in contact regarding paying a deposit on ParentPay and a subsequent payment schedule and will provide you with an application form. The latter 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 child's exchange partner and whether you would be prepared to host a boy or a girl.

A meeting will be held for both parents 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



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Head of Modern Foreign Languages

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**Please return to the Modern Languages Department by Monday 1 October
Backwell – Dinan French Exchange 2019**

Name of student _____ Tutor group _____

We would prefer to host: a boy a girl no preference

We would be prepared to host another student *in addition* to the exchange partner