



9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### FRENCH EXCHANGE MARCH- JUNE 2024

I write regarding our school French Exchange trip to Cherbourg, France. For the 18<sup>th</sup> time, we will be exchanging with the Collège Bucaille-Charcot. All Year 9 and 10 students studying French at St Edward's are eligible to take part. We will be visiting the town of Cherbourg and the beautiful Normandy region. Whilst there, the party will be involved in excursions and social activities during the day and will spend evenings, overnight and the weekend with their exchange families. Not only do the students benefit linguistically from this trip, it is also a valuable educational and social experience.

Please be aware that in order to follow governmental guidance for exchanges we are required to conduct enhanced DBS and barred list checks **on one nominated adult in each household**. This person will then be responsible for the care of the French student whilst they are in the UK, and should be present in the home for the duration of the stay. Families will not be able to take part unless these checks are completed in advance of the trip. Please also be aware that no such checks are possible on host families in France. If you have any questions at all about this element of the exchange please don't hesitate to contact me. Further details on the process will be included with my next letter should you secure a place on the trip.

This year we will be travelling to France from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, and the French students will be visiting us from **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**.

The cost of the whole scheme is **£250**. This covers the entire time in France as well as all excursions and activities organised whilst the French students are here. It is of course assumed that you are able to host a student whilst the French party is in Britain. We are anticipating that this trip will be popular, and places are limited.

Should you wish to take part in the exchange please confirm this by paying the deposit of **£50** through Wisepay by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. Applying for a place does not guarantee participation in the exchange and if we have a surplus of applicants places will be allocated as explained in the exchange policy document, which can be viewed on our website. If you are unsuccessful in securing a place deposits paid will of course be refunded.

If you have any questions regarding the trip or the suitability of your son or daughter as a participant, please contact me via the main school reception on 01202 740950 or by email at [bpawley@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk](mailto:bpawley@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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