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Dear Parent/Carer

French Student Exchange 2024

The Languages Department at Midhurst Rother College is delighted to offer our KS4 French GCSE students a most exciting cultural opportunity. We have teamed up with a high school in our twin town to give our students the chance to take part in an international cultural exchange with students of a similar age.

Our students will be partnered carefully with a bilingual student of the same age, staying with their host families from Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 February 2024. During our visit we are invited for a day at the Lycée to experience life in a typical French school, while Saturday will be spent with French partners and host families. On Sunday, we'll travel to Paris stay overnight in a hotel and carry out as much sightseeing as possible. We return to the UK Monday evening 12 February, which is during half term.

This is a unique opportunity to hear and speak more French, experience French culture more authentically, and combine it with sightseeing Paris' most famous monuments, whilst possibly gaining new skills, confidence and maybe even French friends.

The Lycée Remi Belleau is a school in Nogent-Le-Rotrou with extensive experience of running exchange visits with many other European countries (including the UK). Nogent itself is a charming small town, famous for its castle and medieval old town.

Our host families will accommodate us for 3 nights, providing our meals and inviting us to join in their weekend activities on the Saturday. Students will only need to purchase their evening meal during our return journey on the Monday.

Selected Midhurst Rother College students and their families will host their French counterparts here at the end of February, after we have visited, from 19-23 February. However, if any MRC families are very interested in this trip but unable to host a partner, please enquire with staff as to whether we can arrange an alternative host family for the visitor. Please note that the DfE require us to do a (free) DBS check for all over 18 in the MRC family homes, which we will contact you about.

The cost of this experience is £430 to include transport, excursions, hotel and all Paris sightseeing whilst in France. We are asking families to pay a £50 deposit via Arbor by the 13 October to confirm their interest.

Host families in both countries will cover food and lodging costs when they host their child's partner. Further information and detail about the arrangement for both hosting our visitors and travelling to France will be given in January 2024. If you have any questions about the exchange at this stage, please contact me hayley.good@mrc-academy.org

Yours sincerely

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