



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Parent/Carer,

French Exchange 2023 2024
French Group to UK – November 2023
UK Group to France – March 2024 (dates TBC)

I have pleasure in inviting your child to participate in our eighth French Exchange between students from Sandringham and the Collège Jean Monnet St-Jorioz on Lake Annecy. Situated on the picturesque border between France and Switzerland, Annecy is one of the premier tourist destinations in Europe.

During the visit to St Albans, English and French students will go on a range of trips. The English students will accompany their French counterparts on at least one of these trips. In addition, they will have the opportunity to spend time in lessons with their exchange partners and they will have the opportunity to take part in a celebration lunch with all students and staff involved in the trip.

While in Annecy, our group will have the opportunity to undertake a range of cultural and linguistic activities. In previous years this has included hiking up the Semnoz mountain which overlooks Annecy, a visit to Lyon, a visit to Geneva (including a tour of the UN headquarters) and spending time at Lake Annecy, reputed to be the cleanest lake in Europe. Our students will also spend time with their host families and generally experience life in France. This exchange will be an exciting opportunity for our students to establish meaningful contact with young French people, to develop their language skills and to broaden their life experiences.

The cost of the exchange has not yet been finalised, but as it is an exchange, the cost would only need to cover travel, insurance and day trips. Flight costs from Luton to Geneva will be booked once final numbers are known; however, the total cost should not exceed £400. If you would like your child to take part in this exchange, we require an initial £50 non-refundable deposit. Please make your payment via ParentPay **no later than Friday 19th May**. Pairings will take place during the half term break. Please note that you will be given a refund should I not be able to find a suitable partner for your child.

Please note that this unique opportunity is open to all students who study French in the current Y8 and 9. Priority will be given to older students. Please note that there will not be any clash with the Spanish and German exchanges in March.



Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school prior to the trip taking place. If any student's behaviour or attitude is in question and they are removed from the trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Kincaid
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