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Dear Families,

French Exchange 2024 - 2025
UK Group to France – provisional dates 10-16 October 2024
French Group to UK – provisional dates 13-19 March 2025

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

While in Annecy, our students will have the opportunity to undertake a range of cultural activities and language activities. In previous years these have 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.

During the visit to St Albans, the French students will go on a range of trips and the English students will accompany them on at least one of those trips. In addition, they will have the opportunity to spend time in lessons with their exchange partners. During evenings and at the weekend they will spend time with their host families, practising their English and learning about life in England.

The cost of the exchange has not yet been finalised, but as it is an exchange, the cost only needs to cover travel, insurance and day trips. Flight costs from Luton to Geneva will be given once final numbers are known and flights have been booked, and the amount payable will be dependent on this. However, the total cost should not exceed £500. Once flights have been booked, we will also confirm the exact dates.

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 3rd May 2024. Please also complete the attached questionnaire in detail which will allow us to pair your child with a child from the partner school. The questionnaire should be emailed to trips@sandringham.aat.school Pairings will be made in the summer term. Should we not be able to find a suitable partner for your child, you will be given a refund of your deposit. We will need to complete some basic safeguarding checks at a later date and will be in touch about this again in due course.



This unique opportunity is open to all students who study French in the current Year 8 and Year 9 and 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 us should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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Head of French

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Teacher of MFL

