

27 September 2013

## **French Exchange 2014**

Dear Parent/Carer

We are once again planning our French Exchange. We now have a new link with a school in Le Havre. We have had many successful and rewarding exchanges over the past years. The trip will be open to year 9 pupils studying French. The proposed dates are as follows:

### **Saturday 29 March – Sunday 6 April 2014**

Our pupils will live as part of a French family and attend school. There will also be excursions including shopping in Le Havre. We also try to visit the local baker's shop to help make baguettes and croissants!

### **Saturday 14 June – Sunday 22 June 2014**

The French will stay in York with their English partners. We organise trips and activities for them during the school day.

The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately £260.00, depending on numbers. This will include travel, trips, insurance and expenses for pupils and staff both in France and in England.

A maximum of 25 pupils can go on the exchange and we make every effort to match pupils of similar interests, so this is not done on a "first come, first served" basis.

As pupils stay in families, the host parents will act in "loco parentis". Accompanying staff will be "on call" during the stay in France. We use a reputable ABTA bonded firm for our coaches and ferries to and from Le Havre. Local French coach companies and school buses are used for excursions in France during our stay.

We plan meetings during the year to prepare the pupils as carefully as we can for the Exchange. Over the last few years this Exchange has been a valuable experience to pupils, both educationally and socially.

**If you wish your child to participate please fill in the attached forms together with a £60 deposit and return to the school office by Thursday 3 October.** Please note that incomplete applications (e.g. no photo) will not be considered. This deposit is only returnable in the event of our not being able to offer a place and once a place has been allocated you are committed to the visit and all future payments.

Students will be travelling on their own passports which we will collect and store centrally, so we would ask that if any student does not have their own passport, they apply for one in good time for the trip. Students will also need to bring with them their European Health Insurance Cards and again these will be collected nearer the time and held centrally. If students do not already have one of these, they should apply for one at the following website [www.ehic.uk.com](http://www.ehic.uk.com) or by collecting a form from the Post Office.

Yours sincerely



C Towse (Mr)  
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**REPLY SLIP – to be returned by Thursday 3 October 2013**

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I wish my son/daughter to participate in the French Exchange.

I enclose a deposit of £60.

Name: ..... Form: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(Parent/Carer)