

DETAILS OF FOREIGN VISITS AND EXCHANGES 2017-2018

French

Girls are given the opportunity to apply and extend their knowledge of the French language and culture through a range of educational visits. Our Year 8 four day trip to Northern France is extremely popular. For Year 9 and above we have, in partnership with Richard Hale School, an exchange link with the Collège Gaston Serpette in Nantes. Students in Year 12 are offered a week's work experience in France.



German



In Year 8 and 9 the girls go to Germany for a 4 day to visit to the Christmas Markets. We stay in Düsseldorf and visit the chocolate museum and the cathedral in Cologne. We also go to the well known theme park Phantasialand. There is a well established exchange link with the St Franziskus Gymnasium in Kaiserslautern for Year 10 which offers an excellent opportunity to gain first hand experience of life in a German family and this is combined with work experience for students in Year 12.

Italian

Year 9 are able to get a taste of Italy and practise their Italian in the 3 day trip to Rome. Year 10 are invited to participate in a study trip to Urbania. Pupils stay with host families giving them an opportunity to experience Italian home life and home cooking. Most morning are spent at a language school participating in lessons with native speakers, and in the afternoons pupils take part in excursions to the surrounding area. The trip also includes day trips to Urbino (or Perugia) and Florence.



Russian



The Russian Department offers a bi-annual trip to Russia visiting both **Moscow and St Petersburg**, the country's current and former capital. This is a cultural tour, focusing on the historical sites and artistic riches of this amazing and beautiful country. The tour offers a comprehensive sightseeing tour of both cities and visits to several historical and cultural sites.

Spanish

Our highly successful exchange with the Instituto Verdaguer in Barcelona enables girls in Years 10 and 12 to experience and enjoy life in a Spanish family and to practise and develop their language skills. They also have the opportunity to attend the school and help out in English lessons. Every year we run a cultural trip to Northern Spain for Year 9 pupils.

