



Headmistress: Mrs J M Robinson BA

July 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

FRENCH EXCHANGE 2016-17

We are pleased to offer your daughter the chance to participate in the French exchange to Nantes. An exchange is an excellent opportunity to experience at first-hand the French way of life and to practise the language learnt at school.



A combined group from Presdales School and Richard Hale School will be exchanging with the Collège Gaston Serpette in Nantes, a dynamic town in the south of Brittany, with an exciting cultural life. Whilst there, we will go out on excursions during the day and the pupils will spend the evenings and weekend with their exchange family. For further information on this area please see www.nantes-tourisme.com



We are offering this visit to pupils from Years 9 and 10. There are 17 places available for Presdales' pupils and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We will do our best to match English and French pupils according to interests. We will stay in Nantes from **Monday 7th November to Monday 14th November 2016** and the French pupils will return from **Wednesday 15th March to Wednesday 22nd March 2017**. Everyone who participates in November should expect to host her partner in March.

The estimated cost of the exchange is £345, depending on numbers. This includes a voluntary contribution towards the travel and tuition element. Please be aware that if insufficient voluntary contributions are received the exchange may not go ahead. The cost also includes return coach travel to Nantes, insurance and an excursion on each school day in France. We will travel by coach via Eurotunnel or ferry. All meals, packed lunches and evening / weekend visit costs are met by the French families during our stay and so pupils should not require an excessive amount of pocket money.

If your daughter would like a place on the visit she should return the reply slip and a deposit of £75 as a cheque made payable to **Richard Hale School** by **Friday 15th July 2016**. If you require a receipt please state this on the form. If there are any difficulties with this date, please do not hesitate to contact me.



The payment schedule will be as follows: £75 by Friday 15th July 2016
£145 by Friday 23rd September 2016
£125 by Friday 13th January 2017

Once the numbers have been confirmed, we will begin the process of matching partners with our French colleagues and will let you know as soon as we have completed this. There will be an information evening before we travel to run through arrangements and to provide an opportunity to ask any questions. Please feel free to contact me at Presdales should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Rowe and Ms C Ainge
Joint Heads of French



To be returned directly to Mrs Eyre by Friday 15th July 2016

French Exchange to Nantes

I/We would like my/our daughter _____ Form _____
to take part in the 2016/2017 French Exchange to Nantes and will return a non-returnable deposit
of £75 towards the trip as a cheque (Cheques made payable to **Richard Hale School**).

Since the French party will be mixed, we are unable to guarantee that your child will be partnered
by a pupil of the same gender, although we will do our best to ensure this.

If there is a very good reason why you would be unable to host a partner of the opposite sex to
your child, please specify this on the form overleaf.

Parents'/Guardians' name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

Date: _____