

25 September 2015

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Music Exchange to France 2016

I am delighted to be able to inform you of details regarding this year's exchange visit to Vaugelas School in Chambéry, France.

The dates for the exchange are; Thursday 3 March to Thursday 10 March 2016, English students visit Chambéry. The return visit from the French students will take place the following academic year. We are hoping to travel by coach from Whitby to Newcastle airport and take the 06:30 flight to Geneva. There we will transfer to Chambéry (1 hour) by coach. We would return to Whitby during the evening (times to be confirmed) the following Thursday. Students will stay with a host family whilst in France and all French students involved in the exchange have excellent skills in speaking English. Students will participate in a range of exciting musical and cultural activities both in and out of school during the trip; they will also be involved in a number of workshops prior to the trip to rehearse performances.

The College has successfully run a foreign music exchange for over 10 years and it is always thrilling for the students to experience performing in a different country and have the opportunity to make music with new friends from abroad. During the week there will be times when students will be out of sight of College staff, this is classed as 'remote supervision', but the staff accompanying the trip will always be contactable by mobile phone. Whilst it is hoped that on the return visit French students will stay with the students who visited France in March, circumstances such as lack of space to host a French student should not prevent one of our students visiting France.

The cost for the trip will be approximately £175. There are 30 places and these are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Our music exchanges are very popular, with a number of students going on it year after year. To secure a place, a deposit of £50 is required, to be given to the College office as soon as possible. The total amount will be payable by Christmas. To be able to travel, students must have their own passport, which we will need to make a copy of. Please also complete the forms enclosed with this letter.

A meeting for all parents and students involved will take place nearer the time, which must be attended by all. If you have any further questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Beattie
Head of Music

REPLY SLIP – To be returned to Mrs Robinson in the Main Office at either break or lunch time

French Exchange Trip – Chambery – March 2016

FEE £175.00

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

I hereby confirm that I have read and understand the arrangements for the educational visit, outlined above, and give my informed consent to my son/daughter taking part.

I also agree to my son/daughter having Remote Supervision as outlined above, when out of the sight of College staff.

I also confirm that I will be responsible for collecting my son/daughter from the visit in exceptional cases, such as if illness or unacceptable behaviour occurs.

I enclose a cash / cheque (made payable to Caedmon College Whitby) deposit of £50.00

I confirm that the above student has their own passport, which is in date until at least the end of March 2016

I confirm that I am in the process of applying for a passport for the above student

In case of an emergency, the telephone contact number that staff should use is:

Tel: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____