

FRENCH EXCHANGE 2008/2009 (YEAR 9)

16th June 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian

For over twenty-five years, Cowbridge School has participated in a very successful exchange with the '*Collège St. Paul*' in Rezé, a district situated two kilometres from the centre of Nantes. Spending a week with a French family is an excellent way to experience French culture at first hand and to improve one's spoken French.

Our exchange is reciprocal and thus we will host a group of French pupils in March 2009, and will return to Rezé to stay with the same pupils, where possible, in early June 2009. It is proposed that the French children will arrive at Cowbridge on Thursday March 26th to Thursday April 2nd. Some slight alterations may occur but these dates are fairly concrete.

The children are matched, as far as possible, according to their interests. The Cowbridge school host family will need to provide accommodation and food (sometimes a picnic lunch as well as an evening meal) throughout the week and also to entertain their French guest during the free weekend. During weekdays though, the School arranges many excursions and in-school observation. French guests may need to be collected from school on a few evenings when the excursions are planned farther afield.

The likely cost is approximately **£195** (this may fluctuate a little due to changing travel costs, and entrance prices over the coming year). Some payment is required at this early stage as we are responsible for paying for all their expenses in Wales and this is then reciprocated when we return to France. Thus, an initial **non-returnable** deposit of **£100** is required to reserve your child's place on the exchange. There are approximately 28 places available to Year 9 pupils only.

If you would like your child to take part in this exchange, please fill in the form attached and return it directly to Mr. J. Ling (M Block), with cash/cheque for £100 made payable to '**Cowbridge Comprehensive School**' (Address and cheque guarantee number written on the back of the cheque please). Early return of the slip and cheque will help to guarantee participation in the exchange which is always over subscribed.

Please also indicate your preference regarding the hosting of a boy/girl. Usually there are many more girls than boys who express an interest in participating and therefore a difficulty can sometimes arise in placing boys with host families. We must point out that we shall be able to assign partners more easily to those families who are willing to receive either a boy or a girl, but we are aware that this can be impossible for some families.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you in advance for both your participation and co-operation in continuing the success of our French Exchange.

If you have any queries or to find out more information about previous exchanges please do not hesitate to contact me at school or log on to the school's website.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Ling
Head of French

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Pupil's full name: _____

Form: _____

I would like my child to take part in the French Exchange 2008 / 09 and enclose a non-returnable deposit of £100.

Please also tick the appropriate box and sign below:

- I am able to host either a boy or a girl.
- I can only host a girl.
- I can only host a boy.

Parent / Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____