

Association Bordeaux-Bristol

Échanges scolaires Bordeaux-Aquitaine-Bristol

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

(Keep this page as well as the following one)

If your child is keen on languages and interested in adventure and you want him/her to enjoy an outstanding experience, an exchange could be just the thing! The wonderful thing about an exchange is that it is **reciprocal**: if you sign up, you are agreeing to send your child to France but also to receive a French child in your home on exactly the same basis. The exchange is meant for teenagers from year 8 to year 12+

We will try to find the best possible match - as we have been doing for over 70 years - taking into account age, family, personality and interests. So we ask you to fill in this form as **fully, accurately** and legibly as possible. Sections such as *Interests & hobbies* and *Character/personality* are **crucial** in the final matching. So do complete them with care.

We would like your child to attach a letter of introduction (English is fine but can also be written in French or partly French and English) saying something about themselves, their interests, likes and dislikes and perhaps why they would like to take part in the exchange. Mention how long he/she has been learning French or if French hasn't been started yet. Parents can add a comment if they wish.

Note that we welcome students who do not learn French but who would like to take part in the exchange. In that case, please let us know if the applicant does not study French (for the host family information & close care when in France).

DATES: FIRST LEG (French students in England): **7th to 21st July 2020**

SECOND LEG (English students in France): **23rd July to 06th August 2020** (may vary a little according to flights)

NOTA BENE: Two children from the same family cannot be hosted together in the same family (ie: one guest per family)

Once you have completed **and signed** the application form, print it, then it should be endorsed by your child's French teacher or HFML. Then send it with the requested documents (see below) **before 15th NOVEMBER** to:

Mrs Eleanor DAND, 7 Upper Belgrave Road, Bristol BS8 2XQ

You should have an answer **by the end of January** when we have found a partner. If no match is found, we will keep you informed and go on trying. We usually have more applications from France than from England so you should be lucky.

Should you be willing to repeat the exchange with a former partner, please check he/she wishes to do so. In such cases, both applicants should fill in an application kit mentioning his/her partner's references.

For an application to be complete, you need to send the following:

1. **A recent photo** (of your face - passport type). **To be attached on the application form.**
2. **A letter of introduction** from the student.
3. **A photocopy of the student's passport** – valid for the return flights of July-August
4. **A signed commitment form (= Agreement)**
5. **A copy of the receipt of the bank transfer for the first instalment** – €250 –, or full payment: €550 (to avoid multiple transfer fees) **mentioning the name of the applicant.** (See on the next page for our bank identification)

PayPal payment is also available. This is what you need to do:

1. Log into your PayPal account
2. Select 'Send'
3. 'Send money to': contact@bordeaux-bristol.fr
4. Enter in the 'Recipient gets' box the right sum in euro.
5. Ensure that you are on 'Sending to a friend or family'
6. 'Add a note': be sure to give your child's name AND your name (parents/guardian)

How to fill in the application form

In most cases, difficulties arise when we get incomplete or inaccurate information. We advise you to fill in the following application form WITH your child and to read the following attentively. Please fill in every box completely.

Prefer TYPING to writing if possible. If writing, NAME/SURNAME/ADDRESS: USE CAPITAL LETTERS.

Telephone: We need a landline – useful for accompanying teachers – as well as parents and student’s mobile phone numbers to be contacted any time in case of emergency.

Mail address: Yours first. Add your son’s/daughter’s.

Religion: Mention - regular or occasional

Holiday plans: You will be asked again later. **NB:** Dangerous sports are not covered by the insurance. Do ask us if necessary.

Hobbies: Give as many details as possible (see below for help). If you mention sports, say which ones, if music, for example, Be specific. Mention all interests and activities you feel reflect who you are. The letter of introduction will also help.

Athletics, walking, climbing	Music: type of instrument, level?
Rugby, soccer, volley-ball, net-ball, cricket...	Listening to music: type(s)?
Tennis, badminton, golf....	Dancing, ballet, modern-jazz.....
Biking,	Reading
Swimming, sailing, wind-surfing....	Chess, scrabble...
Judo, martial arts...	Painting, cooking, pottery, ...
Ice-skating, roller-skating, water-skiing...	Collecting stamps, badges,
Horse-riding	Drama (acting or attending?), movies, shopping...
Neither indoor, nor outdoor sports...	Computing, online games, video games....

Personality: Give as many facets of your personality as possible Here are some but choose those that really describe yourself. You can be more precise in your letter of introduction.

Not mature / extremely mature	Easily influenced
Shy, introvert	Solitary
Normal for his age!	Reliable
Can manage by himself without problem	Joyful, witty, quick-minded
Autonomous, independent	Adaptable, sociable, eager to learn
Talkative, absent-minded	Calm, respectful...
Not meticulous, a dreamer.....	Stylish, elegant
Outgoing, sensitive	Honest, straight-forward

Health: Tell us about any health problem your child has or any medical treatment he/she may require. These details will remain absolutely confidential but are necessary in case of emergency. Similarly, please tell us if you have any pets or if he/she is allergic to them. We will not pair him/her with someone who has one.

Cost: The total cost for this year will be €550 for administrative and managerial costs, direct flights, insurance (including cancellation), full day attendance of the accompanying teachers. This includes €30 file endorsement that cannot be refunded, even if no match is found. Note that PayPal is available.

Once you know your child’s French partner you may pay the remaining €300 in full or opt for two instalments (15th January : €150 & 15th February : €150). Please send a copy of the receipt for every instalment, mentioning the name of the student.

Full amount should be paid by 15th February .Any participant whose payment remains pending then, will not be entitled to travel.

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NOTA BENE: SHOULD the applicant withdraw - with valid reason - once matched, justifications should comply with MAIF cancelation insurance policy.

ID documents should be VALID for the period of the exchange. For non-British citizens, report to France’s immigration procedures and requirement. Please take time to read the Terms and conditions : **Agreement**.

