

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 9 to year 12+

We will try to find the best possible match - as we have been doing for over 75 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 they have been learning French or if French. Parents can add a comment if they wish.

DATES: **FIRST LEG** (French students in England): **04 July to 18 July 2024**
SECOND LEG (English students in France): **21 July to 04 August 2024** (may vary a little according to flights)

N.B. Two children from the same family cannot host their partner during the same leg. One host 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 the deadline: 31 DECEMBER 2023** to:

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

You should have an answer **in March** 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.
Please note: we communicate with you chiefly by email and we need to know we have made contact. Please make a point of letting us know you have received our communications.

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** written by 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- €300 -giving as reference the name of the applicant.** (See on the next page for our bank details)

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 EUROS**.
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)

Cost: The total **estimated** cost for this year will be **€750** for administrative and managerial expenses, direct flights, general insurance (stay and trip) - **cancellation not included, to be taken with your personal insurance** – 24/7 availability of

the accompanying teachers. This price may change depending on the cost of flights and the number of applicants. It includes a €30 administrative charge that cannot be refunded, even if no match is found. Note that PayPal is available.

Once you know your child's French partner you must pay the remaining €450 in full or opt for two instalments (€225: 15th March & €225: 15th April 2024). Please send a copy of the receipt for each instalment, mentioning the name of the student. **The full amount should be paid by 15 April 2024.** Any participant whose payment remains pending then, will not be entitled to travel.

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Your child's passport should be VALID for the period of the exchange. Please note that a 5 year passport now expires 5 years after the date of issue **NOT** at the so called 'expiry date'. It must be valid in this way for 3 months after the return date of the exchange. For non-British citizens, refer to France's immigration procedures and requirement. Please take time to read the Terms and conditions: **Agreement**.

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.

Email 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 they 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 your child is allergic to them. We will not pair him/her with someone who has one.