

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 equally age, family, personality and interests. So it is important 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; it is in your interest to complete them with care, giving as much detail as possible.

We would also 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 they haven't 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's information & close care when in France).

DATES: **FIRST LEG** (French students in England): **04 July to 18 July 2025**
SECOND LEG (English students in France): **22 July to 04 August 2025** (may alter slightly depending on flights)

N.B. Two children from the same family cannot be hosted together in the same family

Once you have completed the application form, print it, **sign it** and get it endorsed by your child's French teacher or Head of Languages and the head teacher. Then send it with the requested documents (see below) **before 19th DECEMBER 2024** to:

Mrs Eleanor DAND, 2 Grove Park, BRISTOL BS6 6PP

You should know **by March** if we have found a suitable 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, pairing details will be sent by post or email. When you receive an email from the *Association*, please send an acknowledgement so we know you have got it.

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

1. **A recent photo** (of your face - passport size, but smiling is fine). **To be attached on the application form.**
2. **A letter of introduction** written by the student in their own words
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, 330€, 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 **850€** to cover administrative expenses, direct flights, insurance for your child's travel and stay in France and 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.

Once you know your child's French partner the remaining **520€ is payable**, either in a single payment or in two payments of 260€ each. Please send a copy of the receipt mentioning the name of the student. **The absolute deadline for payment is 15th April 2025.** Applicants whose payment is not complete by that date 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 notes attentively. Please fill in every box completely. Complete online rather than by hand if possible. If completing by hand write, NAME/SURNAME/ADDRESS in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Telephone: Ideally include a landline as well as parents' and student's mobile phone numbers so you can be contacted at any time in case of emergency.

Email address: Yours is essential but your son's/daughter's is useful too.

Holiday plans: You can amend these later. **NB:** Dangerous sports are not covered by the insurance. If in doubt, ask us. **Families are expected to have discussed the matter beforehand.**

Hobbies: Give as many details as possible (see below for help). Be specific: if you mention sports, say which ones, if music, say which instrument(s) your child plays.

Mention all interests and activities you feel reflect who your child is. His/her letter of introduction will also help.

Athletics, walking, climbing	Music: type of instrument, level?
Rugby, football, volleyball, netball, cricket...	Listening to music: type(s)?
Tennis, badminton, golf...	Dancing, ballet, modern-jazz.....
Cycling, mountain biking...	Reading
Swimming, sailing, wind-surfing....	Chess, card games, scrabble...
Judo, martial arts...	Painting, cooking, pottery, ...
Ice-skating, roller-skating, skiing...	Collecting stamps, badges,
Horse-riding, working with animals	Drama (acting or attending?), movies, shopping...
No interest in sport or outdoor activities	Computing, online games, video games....

Personality: Give as many facets of your child's personality as possible Here are some but choose those that really describe them. Your child can be more precise in their letter of introduction.

Not mature / extremely mature	Easily influenced
Shy, reserved	A bit of a loner
Normal for their age!	Reliable
Can manage by him/herself without problem	Cheerful, funny, witty
Independent	Adaptable, sociable, eager to learn
Talkative, forgetful etc	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.