



Association  
**Bordeaux Bristol**  
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## The Bristol Bordeaux exchange

- **Dates for 2027**
- **6<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027**: French students in Bristol. Precise dates depend on flights
- **23<sup>rd</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2027**: Bristol students in France

### How does it work?

- Go to the website: [www.bordeaux-bristol.fr](http://www.bordeaux-bristol.fr) (Select English version)
- Complete the online application form: give as **much** information as you can, especially on **interests** and **personality**
- Attach supporting documents as required.
- Print the section for your school and give to your teacher for their comment and the head teacher's signature. This will need to be scanned and sent with your application.
- **Pay the first instalment (€400) directly into the Bordeaux-Bristol bank account – details on the website. Most people do this by PayPal (choose 'friend' option)**
- Deadline to ensure this price: **28 November 2026**

### How much is it?

**Estimated cost for this year is €950** to include:

- flights
- insurance
- accompanying teachers
- administrative costs
- It is paid in 2 instalments (€400 and €550). Most people choose to do this by PayPal.
- **Quartet holds a fund** to help students who could not otherwise afford to go

### What next?

Students are matched by

- interests
- personality
- age

Please note that we can only work with the applications we have. It can happen that the best match in terms of interests is a little older or younger than your child. This usually works fine but if a particular aspect matters to you more than others, please let us know when you apply.

**NB** parents on both sides are asked to provide a DBS check (= *Extrait du casier judiciaire*). Bristol City Council is waiving their administrative charge for 2027 to celebrate the exchange's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ... and then?

Students and their parents start to correspond. The exchange involves **two families** and the better they get to know each other the more successful the exchange.

**Two meetings** are held, **one in the spring term, one in the summer** for students and parents to...

- meet the organisers and the accompanying staff
- be given useful information and tips
- ask questions
- be reassured

**The First leg:** French students come to Bristol

- You meet them at the airport
- They live as a member of your family
- They go to school with you and meet your friends
- You include them in what you enjoy doing
- You show them round Bristol, Bath...

**The Second leg:** Bristol students go to France

- You will travel as a group
- Teachers will accompany you
- Your French family will meet you at the airport
- You'll meet your exchange partner's friends
- You'll visit Bordeaux
- Probably the Dune du Pilat and the beach too

**What does the accompanying teacher do?**

- Gets to know you
- Travels with you
- Attends all group activities
- Contacts you and your French family within the first couple of days
- Texts or rings later to check all is going well
- Remains the first point of contact if needed

**What if there's a problem?**

- Tell your accompanying teacher. There may be a simple solution: a visit, a chat with the family, a meeting arranged with one of your friends
- If it's more serious, your teacher will refer it to the organisers in Bordeaux (all teachers are bilingual and very experienced).
- If it's really serious and a solution can't be found, you may need to switch to another family. Needless to say, this happens very rarely.

**Further information**

- [www.bordeaux-bristol.fr](http://www.bordeaux-bristol.fr) (Select the option English Version)
- You can email the *Association* in Bordeaux: [echanges@bordeaux-bristol.fr](mailto:echanges@bordeaux-bristol.fr) English is fine!
- You can email Nell Dand, the coordinator in Bristol: [dandrichards7@gmail.com](mailto:dandrichards7@gmail.com)