

BC/SJS

16 October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Host families wanted for the French Exchange**

This academic year for the first time St John's School is running an exchange for students in Years 8 -10 with a school in Paris. It will involve a class of Year 8 French students coming to Cyprus for the week of 16 to 23 March and then our students returning to Paris in June 2018.

At present we do not have quite enough students at St John's to partner up with all the French students so we are looking for a few families who would be willing to host a student for the week. This would be an ideal opportunity for students who would like to be partnered with a French student but who maybe feel a little apprehensive about the return visit to Paris. It might also suit Year 7 students who might be interested in taking part in the exchange next year.

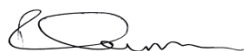
The students will arrive on Friday 16 March 2018, on the Saturday and then the following week they will be on excursions organised by the school around Cyprus. On school days they will come into school with their St John's partner. They will also spend one day in school experiencing school life here at St John's. On Sunday 19 March they will spend the day with the host family. Families are welcome to take them out and about to see a bit of the island on that day.

The host family would be asked to provide all meals, including packed lunches for the French student during their stay. Whilst it is preferable if the host family were able to provide a guest room for the student, it is also possible for them to share a room with their partner. The students will be coming with the aim of improving their English, so knowledge of French is not necessary.

In the run up to the French students' arrival in Cyprus there will be a number of opportunities for the students to make contact with their partners and so when they do meet they will feel they know something about one another. We are really excited about the prospect of this exchange and the opportunity it provides for all students, not only this year but hopefully in years to come.

If this is something that you feel you and your son or daughter would like to be involved in then please return the slip below by 20 October 2017. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Becky Curran  
MFL Teacher and KS4 Learning Manager

**Please return to reception by 20 October**

I am interested in hosting a French student for the week of 16-23 March.

Name of son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_



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