

14th May 2010

Personalised to Year 9

Dear Parents,

An exciting opportunity has arisen for our Year 9 students. John Moores University have established a link with two French schools, one in Toulon and the other in Nice in the South of France. Last year four French students aged fourteen, spent a total of four weeks staying with families of boys who attend Birkenhead School, this proved a very successful venture with the French students, attending all lessons and other school activities with the aim of immersing themselves totally in the English Language.

We have been approached with the offer of a similar project involving three French girls, all of whom are from very good schools and supportive families who wish to come and stay here in Liverpool, again with the aim of improving their spoken and aural fluency. The girls are aged 14 which corresponds to our Year 9 and the suggested dates of the French students visit would be from **June 12th until July 8th** (our last day of school).

We would therefore be looking for three families who would be willing to host the French students between those dates, offering accommodation, meals etc. Ideally it would be beneficial if the three families were known to each other i.e. girls from a particular friendship group in order to make trips out / visits easier to organise. There will be funding for this of £600 per student for the host family, in order to cover food bills and any other costs which would be incurred (eg trips / visits).

Obviously we would have to match very carefully the French students with pupils from MTGS and it has been suggested that we would receive e- mails detailing information about the girl's likes, interests and family situations.

Initially we would like to establish whether there is any interest in this project in order to take it to the next stage. We will of course be holding parents' evenings with the organisers here at school in order to sort out any paperwork involved.

If you feel that you would be able to take part in this project, please complete the slip below and return it school at your earliest convenience, replies should be marked for the attention of either Mrs Whalley or Mrs Bush.

Yours sincerely

C Y Whalley
Head of Modern Languages

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Reply Slip-To be returned to Mrs Whalley or Mrs Bush.

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We would be interested in hosting a French student for the period June 12th to July 8th offering accommodation, meals etc.

Signed.....Parent / Guardian Date.....