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Dear Parents,

Oundle-Orléans French Holiday-Exchange 2007-2008

We have been running a successful exchange aimed at pupils in the 3rd and 4th Forms with pupils from Orléans for some years, and this year it will again take place over the Easter and Summer holidays. The School fully supports the exchange and I am sure I need not mention the enormous linguistic benefit that can derive from immersion in a French environment, particularly as the GCSE places considerable emphasis on the practical use of the language. All the French pupils taking part will come from the Section Bilingue of the Lycée St. Charles and will be very motivated and have strong parental support.

The principle of the Holiday-Exchange is that your son or daughter is paired with a French boy or girl of approximately the same age, who comes to your home for part of the Easter holidays, staying as a member of the family; your son/daughter returns the visit on the same basis over the Summer holidays. If the exchange proves successful (and the majority do!), we encourage you to keep the link going; in subsequent years you may either use the School's organisation or make your own arrangements.

The cost of the Exchange is approximately £250 - £300 per head. This is accounted for by travel (coaches and flights), but this sum also has to cover the cost of staff accompaniment and administration. All School expeditions are covered by the School's insurance.

This year, the provisional dates are as follows:
French party in England: 4th April – 13th April
English party in France: 29th June - 8th July

We will confirm the actual dates as soon as possible.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in the Holiday-Exchange, please complete the enclosed application form, with a deposit cheque (see attached form) and return it to me by post by October 31st, 2007.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Kent