



# Haygrove School International Links

## FRANCE

### Paris – Study Visit

In September each year, year 11 pupils have the opportunity to take part in a 3 day visit to Paris.

The trip enables students to practise their spoken and written language skills in preparation for GCSE assessment tasks.

The visit allows our students to explore Paris through a guided tour of the Louvre, a boat trip along the Seine, a trip to the top of the Eiffel Tower including a visit at night for the illuminations and a trip to the artists' quarter in Montmartre.

### La Motte-Servolex - Exchange

Following on from our long standing partnership with Le Mans, in year 8, pupils have the opportunity to be part of an exchange visit with our twin school Collège George Sand in La Motte Servolex. The key aim of the exchange is to give pupils a unique opportunity to be part of a French family for 10 days – experiencing the food, the customs and the culture, whilst improving their French. In return, our pupils give their French exchange partners a chance to experience life with a Somerset family.

In addition to time spent at our partner school the visit includes a high-rise cable car ride to one of the highest peaks in the Mont Blanc massif, exploring the inside of a glacier and seeing the effects of climate change at first hand, rowing on the Lac Le Bourget and a visit to the UN HQ in Geneva.

## GERMANY

### Cologne – study visit

Haygrove has a long celebrated history of links with Germany including Homberg and many successful visits to Berlin.

Our current visit takes students from years 9 and 10 to the fantastic city of Cologne, allowing students the opportunity to practise their skills in preparation for GCSE speaking tasks. Students develop key language which feeds directly into our lessons at Haygrove. A typical visit would take in Beethoven's house, explore the differences between the old and new parts of the city and the medieval castle and immerse students in German language tasks.

## SPAIN

### Barcelona – study visit

To support the learning of Spanish as a mainstream language Haygrove takes a group of year 10 students to Barcelona annually to link Art & Spanish curriculum areas. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in the culture of a large city in Spain, as well as practicing their spoken Spanish and to observe first-hand some of the amazing architecture which allows Barcelona to boast of 8 World Heritage Sites.

Students experience Spanish life in the form of a visits to the Boquería market and a Tapas Bar, take in the hustle and bustle of Las Ramblas, feel the thrill of the “Blaugranes” by visiting the Nou Camp and take in the astonishing art at the Sagrada Familia, Casa Milà, Montjuic and the Palau de Música.

## **CHINA**

As a natural progression from receiving visits from our Yew Wah partner schools in China, Haygrove takes a group over to Shanghai to experience the cultural highlights of the province. [>>read more](#)

## **PRIOR LINKS**

### **JAPAN**

Haygrove has hosted 2 Japanese Foreign Language Assistants – both were a firm favourite with all students! As part of a year 7 enrichment programme they delivered Japanese language and cultural lessons, ran clubs and activities for all ages and worked as part of our outreach programme with our primary partners.

The Geography Department has written modules of work based on Japan and Mexico to enable contributions from these sessions. Modules in calligraphy and Japanese masks were taught to our Key Stage 3 students through the involvement of the Art Department.

### **POLAND**

As part of a Comenius Project we developed links with a school in Poland.

Polish students from the Wysocha School in Poland were hosted by Haygrove students in May 2008. Students from Poland and German visited Haygrove with a view to producing a play using the three different languages. Our students visited and stayed with host families in Poland. Teachers from Poland also stayed with our staff and contributed to the Haygrove annual Modern Languages Summer School for Key Stage 2 primary children.

### **MEXICO**

Haygrove has been lucky enough to receive 2 Foreign Language Assistants from the Don Bosco foundation. Our link is with a school in Cuernavaca, south of Mexico City.

The visit of the Spanish Language Assistant from Don Bosco School is organised through the Fundación Amistad Británico-Mexicana.

In 2006, we hosted the President of Don Bosco School and also received our first group of students and teachers from Mexico.

In 2007 we supported a Haygrove ex-student from Exeter University as a Language Assistant at Don Bosco School.