



12th October 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

The Ladies' College started a partnership last year with the French School, Le Collège Sainte Émilie in Candé in the department Maine-et-Loire, Pays de La Loire. The school is a private mixed secondary school and Candé is a small, picturesque town in Western France. Our contact in this school is Mrs Madiot-Jamin, she is a very good friend of mine. We met years ago at the University in Plymouth whilst training to be MFL teachers. We both have decided to start a partnership with our respective schools as we truly think that having a correspondence with foreign students is extremely beneficial. We believe that such correspondence helps students to become independent learners and also helps build their confidence towards the subject.

Their 'quatrièmes' (Year 9s) are very keen on improving their English skills and very happy to make new friends. Once paired-up with their pen friends, girls will be able to communicate via letters or the internet in order to get to know each other. This communication provides a fantastic opportunity for your daughter to practise the language. This may lead to families visiting one another and, in the best of outcomes, to an individual exchange in the future.

Please indicate on the attached form as to whether your daughter is allowed to have a pen friend. Your daughter will then complete the second form which includes details of interest. Mrs Madiot-Jamin will pair her students with ours once she will receive the forms.

Please discuss with your daughter whether she can use email and/or social media to correspond with her pen friend. We advise that school email addresses are used for correspondence. Should you decide to allow your daughter to correspond with her pen friend using social media, you are reminded that an age-appropriate platform should be used.

Please return the two forms to the reception by Tuesday 19th October.

Yours sincerely,

B. Bathany

Béatrice Bathany
Head of MFL



French pen pal correspondence:

(please tick the appropriate option)

Student's Name: _____

is allowed to have a French penpal

is not allowed to have a French penpal

Parent's signature: _____

Please return to the reception by Tuesday 19th of October