



20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

The Ladies' College started a partnership with the French School, Le Collège les Castillons in Les Pieux in Normandy. The school is a private mixed secondary school and Les Pieux is a small, picturesque town on the beautiful south coast of Normandy. Our contact in this school is Mrs Delafontaine who we met on our first visit in October 2019. We both decided to carry on our exchange, despite the circumstances, as we truly believe that corresponding with foreign students is extremely beneficial. We believe that such correspondence helps students to become independent learners and builds their confidence ~~towards the~~ subject.

I am informed that their 'sixièmes' (Year 7s) are very keen to improve their English skills and to make new friends. Once paired-up with their pen friends, girls will be able to communicate throughout the academic year. Their French teacher will give specific guidance to support them. Please note that there might not be the same number of students in the French school so pen pals might have to be shared amongst two students and as the French school is a mixed school, your daughter's pen pal might be either a girl or a boy. 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 have to complete the second form which includes details of interest. We will pair our students when in receipt of all 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 or me by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of November**.

Yours sincerely,

*C. Feldmesser*

Mrs Feldmesser  
**MFL Department**



**To: Mrs Feldmesser**

**French pen pal correspondence:**

(please tick the appropriate option)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

is allowed to have a French pen pal

is not allowed to have a French pen pal

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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