

Les Ambassadeurs
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Fees

Course fee £115 unless you are hosting a French child in which case there is no course fee.

Course fee for non-HH children: £140

You will receive confirmation of a place and a guide to the course nearer the time.

Keeping in touch

There will be a mobile number on which you will be able to contact me during the week of Les Ambassadeurs.

What to bring:

Play clothes
Swimming things

(Your child may want to bring sweets to share with the French children. Please can you give them to MCH to look after!)

Les Ambassadeurs 2010



16th Anniversary!
Seizième Anniversaire!
at Holmwood House School
Tue 6 to Fri 9 April 2010

Les Ambassadeurs

Now in its sixteenth year, it is an activity based holiday course held in French and English for children in Years 2 - 5. The teachers come from Holmwood House or Ombrosa School in Lyon.

The course provides a wonderful opportunity for children to meet and form lasting relationships in the atmosphere of a French “exchange”, without your children needing to leave the country! The French children all speak very good English and can communicate well. They will encourage our children to speak French but the emphasis is on play. Many of the children from Holmwood still see their French friends regularly since attending Les Ambassadeurs.

In addition, over the Autumn half-term, there is an opportunity for our English children to go on a 5-day trip to Lyon to stay with their French friends.

What is the aim of the course?

The course itself is informal with the emphasis on fun. The Holmwood children spend the days with the French children, learn French songs and games, teach English songs and games and join in the numerous activities on offer, such as art, craft, ICT, sport, games, drama, music, quizzes, swimming and cooking.

The children are given the space to develop friendships and are encouraged to invite a French child to tea or to stay the night at their homes. The week ends with a party and the exchange of small gifts and cards. We will provide a souvenir gift from Holmwood for the children to give. Your child may want to give their own special present to their new friend(s) and they are most welcome to do so.

Hosting a French child

Les Ambassadeurs is by far the most popular trip offered by Ombrosa to its pupils. It is a bi-lingual school and the children are encouraged to speak English.

As we have a limited number of beds at Holmwood House, some children may not be able to come unless we can find them host families. The French child would be staying with you from Monday evening until the following Sunday.

We try to find a child from Ombrosa with similar interests to your child. It is important that both of the children enjoy their experience. The French children who apply to go to families have all been away to England before and are generally able to cope with homesickness. If we find a suitable French child for you to host, there is no course fee.

If you wish to host a French child, we should be grateful if you would let us know before the end of this term.

Dates - 2010

French children arrive: Monday 5 April

Course date: Tuesday 6 April - Friday 9 April

French children leave: Sunday 11 April

Course times: 9.30 am - 5.00pm. Lunch is provided as well as drinks and biscuits.