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# Les Ambassadeurs

## Easter 2022

**The French Cultural Exchange at “Holm”**

**Tuesday 5 April - Friday 8 April 2022**



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# *Introduction*

“Les Ambassadeurs” is Holmwood’s exciting activity-based Easter holiday course held in French and English for pupils in School Years 2-8. Holmwood hosts approximately 50 visiting children from our partner school Ombrosa in Lyon, France during their stay and we encourage similar numbers of Holmwood pupils to take part in the course.

It is a wonderful and unique opportunity for Holmwood children to meet, form friendships and learn about each other’s culture and language, all via an array of exciting activities. The atmosphere is that of a French exchange, without your children needing to leave the country! A Cultural Exchange at “Holm”!

“Les Ambassadeurs” is by far the most popular trip offered by Ombrosa School to its pupils. Ombrosa is a bilingual private school. Both pupils from Ombrosa and Holmwood enjoy learning English and French from their peers, the authenticity and enrichment of this experience is language learning at its best.



# ***Aims & Activities***

This year, we are particularly delighted to offer exciting new aspects and opportunities to both Holmwood and Ombrosa pupils on the course.

The course itself is informal with the emphasis on learning language through fun, engaging and authentic activities. The English and French children spend the day together and take part in the numerous activities on offer such as music, cookery, arts and crafts, pool games, ICT, sports, fun French and English. All of these are taught in both languages, focusing on encouraging and improving communication and acquisition of vocabulary. The course activities are taught by experienced Holmwood and Ombrosa teachers.

In addition, this year, we have also included excursions and trips (included in the cost) for all the children taking part on the course. This will be the perfect opportunity for Holmwood children to present their local landmarks to their French buddies whilst building those key language skills. A packed lunch, snacks and transport will be provided by the school.

## **Food and Water Bottle**

All food, snacks and packed lunches will be provided during the course. Lunchtimes and break times are supervised, allowing children a mix of free time and structured traditional playground games such as “boules” or “egg and spoon” - an opportunity for them to enjoy and appreciate the two cultures. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle, which they will have the opportunity to refill during the day.

## **Keepsake Books**

Both Holmwood and Ombrosa children will be given “Keepsake” books to record their mementos, tasks, rewards, activities, pictures, certificates, messages etc. They will also be given small gifts and souvenirs to exchange with each other.

# ***T-shirt Design Competition***

Prior to the course, Holmwood pupils taking part will be given the unique opportunity of designing a logo for this year's "Les Ambassadeurs" which will feature on the Keepsake book cover, the course T-Shirt and some other collectibles on the course.

## **Extended Days Activities**

We are excited to be offering extended day activities for Holmwood children staying beyond the scheduled collection time. These activities may include a cinema style film event in the Jubilee Hall, disco, quiz, magic show etc. Snacks will be provided. Please note that the extended days will incur a small surcharge per session.

## **Early Drop Off**

Early drop off is also available from 8.15am and will incur a small surcharge per session.

Further details are in the **Dates, Times and Fees** section of this document.

# ***What you will need to bring***

- ★ Children will need to wear practical and sensible play clothes and footwear each day which should also be suitable for outdoor activities.
- ★ Named water bottle
- ★ Outer garments (coats / wellies etc) where necessary.
- ★ Swimming kit (costume / towel / goggles).
- ★ A small rucksack for keepsake books and the excursion day.
- ★ Any medication (clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage).

**No need to bring any food (including sweets) as this will all be provided by the school. Please note that we operate a strict NO NUTS policy.**

## ***Dates, Times & Fees***

**Course dates: Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 April 2022**

### **Course times:**

Tuesday 5 April 2022	9am - 4:30pm (extended session available)
Wednesday 6 April 2022	9am - 4:30pm (extended session available)
Thursday 7 April 2022	9am - 4:30pm (extended session available)
Friday 8 April 2022	9am - 5pm ( <b>no extended session available</b> )

**Early Drop Off times:** 8.15am

**Extended Session times:** 4:30pm - 6:15pm

**Course Fees:** £190

(please note there is a non-refundable charge of £90)

**Early Morning Fees:** £6 per session

**Extended Session Fees:** £10 per session

You can confirm requirements nearer the time.

## ***Course Application Process***

- ★ You can apply for a place on the course by completing the online booking form by Monday 7 February, paying your non-refundable deposit will secure your place on the course.
- ★ Once your application has been submitted via the google form, and your deposit paid you will be notified and the balance will be added to your latest invoice.
- ★ Once your child has a place on the course, you will receive a course guide containing detailed information about the week, consent forms for trips and visits and details of emergency contacts.

**Course Application Closing Date : Monday 7 February 2022**

# Contacts & Queries

Should you have any questions or queries please contact the course co-ordinator, Miss Koko Mookherjee at Holmwood House School.

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