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A thuismitheoirí,

We have been invited by the Lycée Emile Zola, in Châteaudun, Arklow's twin town, to participate in a school exchange this year. We would be staying in France from **Friday 12th to Tuesday 16th of March** while French students will be with us from **Monday 12th to Friday 16th of April 2027**. Students will stay with their partner's family during their exchange.

The French Department have organized many successful exchanges with this school in the past and would accompany the students to France. During the week in France the students would have the opportunity to explore Paris, participate in classes in a French *lycée* (secondary school), visit many places of local interest like Chartres and spend a day in Disneyland Paris.

It is important to book the flights as soon as possible. A **€150 deposit** would be required to make a booking **by Wednesday 7th of October**. The remaining balance would be paid in stages. (*Payment will be made to the company directly. Further details to follow*)

If your son/daughter wishes to participate in the *exchange (and is therefore prepared to host a French student in return)* please return the slip below to the school by **Friday 2nd of October**.

The total cost, including flights, insurance, buses, guided tour of Paris and entrance to Disneyland should be in the range of **€540**, subject to flight availability at time of booking.

Students have found the exchange to be a very enjoyable and beneficial experience in the past, particularly in terms of improving their spoken French for the Leaving Cert.

Kind regards,

Oide Shane

Please tick one of the boxes below:

- ☐ My son/daughter **wishes to participate** in the French School Exchange 26/27
- ☐ My son/daughter **does not wish to participate** in the French School Exchange 26/27

Student's name (Print): _____

Parent's /Guardian's signature: _____