

**Provisional dates 2020** (to be confirmed)

**12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

English students to Limousin

French students to Staffordshire

*July visit to  
Staffordshire*



### How can you apply?

- Fill in a **Student and Family Profile form** (or Application form), and submit to your school coordinator who will endorse your application with a recommendation.
- Submit a **cheque for £150 to your school coordinator**, made payable to "the *Staffordshire Limousin Experience*" for the deposit. Please note that deposits will be refunded in full if a suitable partner cannot be found or if you feel unable to proceed following the initial briefing session.
- **Attend an initial briefing session at the Weston Road Academy on Wednesday 6th November from 18.30-19.30**
- Fill in a **Parental Agreement and Declaration form** signed by the parents, an independent reference and endorsed by the school
- Provide a **photocopy of the photo page of the applicant's passport**, which must be valid 6 months after the return date.
- Please note that your school will be required by law to perform a **DBS check** for all adults (over-18) living in the household at the time of the July visit.

### Payment schedule

The cost is £380 and here is the payment schedule:

- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**: Initial deposit payment of £150 with application.
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**: Interim deposit of £100 (or final balance of £230).
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**: Final balance of £130.

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\* EU Automation is a multi-lingual international company based in Stafford. From 2018, it has become our official sponsor because as a successful business employing lots of people with language skills, they value the sort of experience you will get with the SLE: a linguistic and cultural immersion programme.



**French  
Exchange  
Programme**  
*for 14 to 17 year old students*

# Staffordshire Limousin 2020

*12th-23th April 2020 - Limousin / 12th-23rd July 2020 - Staffordshire*

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**44<sup>th</sup> edition!**

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## What is the Staffordshire Limousin Experience?

The Staffordshire Limousin Experience is a family exchange programme between the regions of Staffordshire and Limousin. It has been running since 1976 and its main purpose is to bring together secondary students aged 14 to 17 (year 9, 10 and 12) from secondary schools and colleges in the two regions. It provides an opportunity for young people to experience a different lifestyle, a different culture and of course to improve their language skills in family and school contexts, accompanied by a team of experienced and well-qualified staff.

## Who runs the Staffordshire Limousin Experience?

The SLE is managed by a committee of volunteers in each country made up of current and former teachers who plan and organise the visits. The tried and tested procedures, combined with the strong partnership between the French and English committees ensure the programme's effectiveness and efficiency.

## Why take part?

- Improve your language skills and confidence in French.
- Get an insight into a different way of life by sharing everyday experiences with your French partner in his/her family home.
- Meet young French people of a similar age and experience French school life.
- Introduce yourself, your family, your school and your way of life to your partner who may well become a friend for life.
- Obtain a worthwhile experience that would be valued by potential future employers - like for example EU Automation\* in Stafford.

## How does it work?

- We try our best to find the best partner for you using the information provided on the application forms, so make sure you provide as much information as possible about yourself.
- You and your family get in touch with your partner and her/his family via e-mail, phone, letter, Skype and social media to get to know one another better before the visits. This will be supported by the school's co-ordinating teachers.
- There will be a family briefing session before each leg of the exchange led by members of the organising committee, to confirm hosting, travel arrangements and to learn about support systems during the visits.



April visit to  
Limousin

## How much does it cost?

- During both visits, all participants have opportunities to meet up to socialise, and meet accompanying members of staff who are there to help and they are 'on call' for the duration of the stay.
  - You will be a special guest in your partner family's home.
- The cost is £380 payable in three instalments. Please refer to the payment schedule at the back.

## What does it include?

- Flight costs to and from Limoges
  - Transport costs to enable participants to take part in any SLE coordinated excursions in France and in England for French and/or English students and entrance/visit costs
  - Entrance to the SLE DISCO held in STAFFORD (transport not provided)
  - Accompanying staff costs
  - Administration costs
  - Insurance
- The cost does not include:**
- Families are required to provide transport to and from the airport
  - Local activities organised by individual schools
  - Spending money on the visit to France
  - Costs incurred by host families for outings and visits



## Comments from students and families who took part in 2019

"Our daughter has thoroughly enjoyed the experience which has given her some important life skills as well as given her confidence in her French speaking. We enjoyed sharing our family life with her partner! We would recommend SLE to other families thinking of doing this next year. We are grateful for all your support and for all the information you gave us prior to the exchanges both by email and at the meetings."

"Our son really enjoyed French life, the culture and his language skills have improved considerably."

"Our daughter had an amazing time; she got on extremely well with her partner who was an excellent match and the family she stayed with were delightful. They made her extremely welcome and planned plenty of activities, which they both thoroughly enjoyed. I also felt that this facilitated the partnership and encouraged a lot of conversations."

"Just a quick note to thank you and your team for giving our daughter such an amazing experience in Limoges. She has returned in love with France and has made a friend for life with her exchange student and many others she has met over the last 10 days. The family she was paired with were so hospitable and welcoming, even managing to squeeze in a day trip to Paris! Again thank you so much, the whole process ran smoothly and we are looking forward to welcoming her partner in July."

"Thank you to you as well for organising such a wonderful experience. I had tears in my eyes yesterday saying goodbye to our French partner. I hope that they keep in contact and maybe will organise to see each other again."