



# BHASVIC

## **Work Experience & Host Family Stay – Lille, France**

(Please note that this is not a BHASVIC run trip but has been outsourced to a travel agency)

Y1 A Level French

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025

15 places

£920

This trip is running in Skills Week.

The Languages & Culture Department have agreed a tailor-made work experience abroad trip to Lille, France with specialist tour operator Blue Stamp Travel in Skills Week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our French students at BHASVIC to be immersed in everyday French life, language and culture as they will be staying with host families and gaining work experience during the day.

Please note that BHASVIC has outsourced the running of this trip to Blue Stamp Travel, a UK based travel company specialising in European work experience trips for students and schools. **Blue Stamp organise the entire package from the work placement, travel, accommodation, social and cultural programme and insurance. No BHASVIC teachers will be accompanying the trip.** Blue Stamp Travel will provide a native or fluent French speaker, who will travel as the Group Leader with the students to/ from Lille. They will visit them in their work placements/ host homes and suggest evening activities for them. Blue Stamp will undertake the supervision, health & safety and safeguarding of students whilst they are away. They are 5-starred reviewed, and ABTA/ ATOL approved. For more information on Blue Stamp please visit their website. [Blue Stamp Travel](#)

We hope your young person can join us for this exciting trip, please see the following pages for more details and how to sign-up and pay.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Morgan, [r.morgan@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:r.morgan@bhasvic.ac.uk) who is working with Blue Stamp Travel to organise this trip.

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## **Accommodation**

Students will stay at the host family's home in pairs or threes. The host family will provide breakfast and an evening meal. Blue Stamp hosts are arranged via an agent who has a local coordinator in Lille, and each host and all adults in the household have the local equivalent of a DBS (police clearance) and are visited to ensure that the room and accommodation is welcoming and appropriate. There is an additional charge of £35 for students that have special dietary requirements – gluten free/ lactose free/ vegan/ halal or other special diet. See more here: [Host Accommodation](#)

## **Travel**

Students will travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Lille Europe Train Station. Students will be met at London St Pancras International by the Blue Stamp Group Leader & they will travel to Lille with them. When students arrive in Lille, they will meet their host families and then travel to their accommodation at the host family's home. Blue Stamp's Group Leader will take responsibility for their safe travel. Eurostar travel times will be confirmed at a later date. There are no baggage limitations for the Eurostar

## **Work Experience**

Blue Stamp will arrange approx. 25hrs of work experience for students. They offer a range of business categories for work experience and will ask students to pick 5 areas they would be interested to work in. Blue Stamp will then match the students to the business categories available. Please note some categories' availability will depend on the time of year e.g. work experience in childcare would be limited in July as schools have broken up for Summer. For more info: [Work Experience Business Categories](#)

## **Activities**

The Group Leader will make suggestions about possible evening activities for students to choose from, some activities will be free, but students should allow a small amount of spending money for activities such as the cinema, local attractions etc.

**The cost of the trip is £920** (based on 15 students) This includes return Eurostar travel, London St Pancras to Lille/ 6-night accommodation with host family/ breakfast and dinner provided by host family/ 25hrs of work experience in students chosen business category (if available)/Group Leader assistance throughout the trip, starting/ ending at London St Pancras / BHASVIC travel insurance.

The following is not included in the cost of the trip. UK train travel to/ from London St Pancras International/ / meals & snacks travelling to/ from Lille/ some activities/lunches/ additional cost for dietary requirements/ Blue Stamp Travel insurance – BHASVIC travel insurance is included in the cost, but you can purchase additional insurance with Blue Stamp Travel for £15 (this link will detail Blue Stamps insurance policy [Blue Stamp Insurance](#) We will ask parents/ carers at a later date if they would like to add on this insurance policy)

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### **How to sign-up**

To make sure that all students interested in joining this trip get a fair chance of getting a place we ask that you complete a sign-up form via this link. [Residential sign-up form](#) This does not secure you a place at this stage. One application per student please, and only put the students name down if you are sure they are 100% committed to going on the trip. **The deadline to sign-up is by midday on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** We will then review numbers and if the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick 15 students for the 15 places. We will then email parents/ carers to let them you know if the student does/ does not have a place. Those that don't will go on a waiting list. Those with a place will then need to pay the deposit to secure the place.

### **Paying the deposit** (once allocated a place)

Please make sure you read the terms & conditions at the end of this letter before proceeding with payment.

Once you have received the email confirming the place on the trip you will be able to log into your BHASVIC Parent Pay account and pay the initial deposit of £200\* by midday Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Payment of the deposit secures the place on the trip

\*Please note that the £200 deposit is non-refundable, in line with Blue Stamps terms and conditions  
If the deadline is missed for deposit payment, then the place will be offered to a student on the waiting list

### **Remaining balance**

Once the deposit has been paid you can pay the remaining balance of £720 in 3 instalments via Parent Pay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	£240
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	£240
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	£240

### **What happens next**

Once you have paid the deposit, we will email parents/ carers a link to the online Residential Trip Form. This form collects emergency contacts/ medical details/ passport information (if applicable). Completion of this form is a requirement for the student to participate in the trip. All information is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.

There will be an online trip briefing nearer the departure date where parents and students will have an opportunity to meet Blue Stamp and ask any questions. They will also receive a Trip Pack which will give them all the travel details/ emergency contacts whilst they are away. We will also email this pack to parents/ carers.

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## **Terms & conditions**

1. This trip is organised in-line with Blue Stamp Travels terms and conditions, which can be found here [Blue Stamp Travel Terms & Conditions](#)
2. If the student wishes to withdraw from the trip, please email the Rebecca Morgan, [r.morgan@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:r.morgan@bhasvic.ac.uk) & [trips@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:trips@bhasvic.ac.uk)
3. Blue Stamp has a system they use called BABEL to collect information such as passport details and any other information AI / ALS / Safeguarding/ Medical Needs / Health and Safety Issues/PEEPS. Please ensure you tell Blue Stamp any information needed to support your young person in this experience.