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Dear Parents/Students

Volunteer hosts required for students from Argentina: 5/1/2018 - 22/1/2018

The Spanish Department has a successful link with an English language school near Buenos Aires which we visited on an exchange basis in summer 2015. The teachers have since returned with other groups and many of you met these students in July this year.

I am looking for volunteer host families for 5 students from Argentina, 2 boys and 3 girls aged between 15-18. Your son/daughter has expressed a possible interest in helping with the hosting of a student during the above dates and one or two week options are possible. We can help with accommodation on any particular dates or weekends which are impossible during this time.

Please find attached some information about these students, their families and interests, which will help you and your son/daughter choose the most suitable student.

They would require board and lodging, but would be expected to pay for transport to school when required. They may go to the school canteen for a hot lunch, or bring a packed lunch by arrangement with you. During the school day, they would go to lessons with the host partner, or go on trips organised by the Kaplan language school in an organised programme. Families would not be expected to put on any additional activities or visits, they would simply like to experience daily school, social and family life in England, to meet family and friends and take part in their usual activities where possible, to practise and improve their English.

Last January, the host partners who were studying Spanish spoke to them in Spanish, and they replied in English, and they found this really helpful, especially in preparation for oral exams GCSE and A Level.

This may lead to a return visit at some time in the future, even an exchange if you agree on a date.

Several students have made a return visit to Argentina as a result of their friendships and it has also opened up University placements and gap year opportunities.

If you are interested in hosting one of the students, please email me fcm@bws.wilts.sch.uk providing your full contact details, the name of the student you could host and the length of time during the two week period (one or two weeks) you would be able to accommodate them.

Please do send me any questions or enquiries to the email address below and I will get back to you.

Many thanks in advance for your kind offers.

Yours sincerely

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