

## **French Steiner-Waldorf Summer School in Provence 2017**

At the Avignon Steiner-Waldorf School in Provence, southern France, we decided to bring a new dimension of openness to the world by running our first Provence French Summer School in 2016. Launched to tie in with the school's 21st birthday, this 2-week language holiday brings our excellent teaching and vibrant spirit to 15-18 year-old students from around the world, for two sessions in July and August.

It was a resounding success in 2016, playing host to 16 youngsters between 31 July and 14 August.

We plan to expand the programme in 2017 to welcome more young students.

Set up in 1993, the Avignon Steiner-Waldorf School now numbers 330 pupils from Kindergarten to 13th class and counts itself one of the longest-established Steiner-Waldorf schools in France. And definitely the best located! We are only six miles from the medieval city of Avignon with its famous summer Theatre Festival, the Palace of the Popes and of course the Pont d'Avignon, celebrated in the ditty sung by schoolchildren across the globe.

Our wonderful region is steeped in history and beauty, rich in cities dating back two thousand years, dotted with picturesque villages, bathed in the incomparable light admired by great artists through the ages...

To open up our children's hearts to the world, our school organises exchanges in 7th class (Germany) and 10th class (two to three months abroad in Germany, Britain, America or Australia). We also host foreign 10th and 11th class students for periods of four to six months, and sometimes for an entire school year. In addition, when our children reach 11th class, they raise funds together to finance a two-week class voyage to India.

How, we wondered, can we bring together all this rich variety of experiences with our school's deeply felt desire to share our love for the French language and our culture?

Out of this heart-searching emerged our idea of offering young people aged 15 to 18 the chance to spend two summer weeks in our school improving their French language skills, meeting other young Europeans, and enjoying a cultural holiday in a lovely region.

### **Our Provence French Summer School 2017 is now open for registration!**

All the details, along with a video clip about the 2016 Summerschool and a downloadable registration form, will soon be available at:

<http://www.ecole-steiner-avignon.org/summerschool/lycee-dete/>

You'll find the basic information you need here and we hope to get the 2017 documentation uploaded by mid-November.

**Feel free to email Danielle Sfez at [summerschool.steiner.waldorf@gmail.com](mailto:summerschool.steiner.waldorf@gmail.com) with any questions or if you would like us to contact you when the registration documents are ready to download.**

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the programme this summer, please pass this information on to them.

On behalf of the Provence Summerschool team,

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