

## The Programme 2016

The Provence French Summer School is designed for Steiner–Waldorf students from Class 10 to Class 12 (ages 15 – 18) with at least a basic level of French but students from other schools are also welcome to come and experience our approach, which is closely tailored to each individual's needs.

**Our emphasis is on spoken French.** Some grammar will be covered, but our main aim is to get students talking with native speakers and help them communicate in fluent and natural-sounding French. Our lively course makes the most of our superb Provence location by taking students on outings and visits to local places of beauty and interest so they can experience a slice of French life close up! A certificate of achievement is handed out at the end of the course.

### Course Start Time & Date

The Provence French Summer School runs from Sunday 17 July to Saturday 30 July 2016 (Course 1) and from Sunday 31 July to Saturday 13 August 2016 (Course 2).

Students should arrive in Avignon by 4 pm on the first Sunday of their course so they can attend the pre-course meet-up with host families and teachers from 5 to 7 pm at the school.

### French Lessons (30 hours)

French lessons are held every morning (Monday – Friday) from 8.30 to 12.15 in groups of not more than 15 students, to ensure individual help can be given. A total of 30 hours of formal teaching gives students the opportunity to make good progress. There is not usually any written homework, but we expect students to speak French in their host families!

8.30 Assembly: Greetings and any information necessary for the day

8.45 Lesson 1: this lesson is more formal – there will be some written work and grammar, but the emphasis will still be on speaking French

10.15 Break time – there is a garden and a common room available for students to relax in

10.45 Lesson 2: this lesson is more creative – language games, writing stories, songs, doing drama, creating a magazine

12.15 Lunch time

### Provence Activities Programme

Every weekday afternoon and a few evenings, students are outdoors with school staff, enjoying creative activities, discovering Provence and practising their French! On Saturday there is a whole-day excursion.

Some activities are chosen by the group and are likely to include:

- Games, drama, singing, crafts and more in the school grounds
- A visit to the famous Avignon Theatre Festival (in July)
- Provençal village market
- Canoeing on a river, an afternoon at the beach
- Walks in Provence's places of natural beauty: river gorges, vineyards, the Ochre Trail
- Seeing historic sites nearby – Marseilles, Nîmes, the Pont du Gard, etc.

More detail on the programme of activities will be available in mid-May 2015.

## French Steiner–Waldorf Summer School in Provence

### **Free Time**

A shady garden is available for students to relax in during daytime breaks. Unless a group activity is planned, host families pick up ‘their’ students after the afternoon sessions and take them ‘home’ for the evening. The Sunday is completely free and students may arrange activities with their host family and/or other students, in agreement with the host families.