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Subject: International Links: Secondary School "Vasil Levsky" and Blacon High School – 2023/2024

Blacon High School Flags Project

As part of the continuing communication with our partner school in England, during the summer term of 2024, Blacon High School created a presentation of international flags for us to share with our students here in Karlovo.

This project was really important to us as our next student exchange will be during 2024/2025 and activities like this help to maintain a good dialogue between our students and continue our collaborative work.

Each of the flags represent all of the different members of the school community at Blacon who come from different cultural backgrounds and we used the presentation in a lesson that formed an end of term activity with all of our Year 9 students. The reason we shared the presentation with our Year 9 students is that it is very likely that some of them will take part in the next student exchange between our schools in 2024/25, and it is helpful for them to have relevant cultural awareness of the school, town and country that they will visit. Of course, the presentation was delivered in English to further support language acquisition for our students in every context.

The number of different nationalities that are represented in Blacon High School is very different to our school in Karlovo where almost all of the students are Bulgarian. We only have some minority groups like Romas and Turkish. For a school in Bulgaria is not typical to have this much cultural diversity as in the UK. This is important new knowledge for our students who are developing greater awareness of other cultures all the time.

All of our Year 9 students took part in the quiz and found it both interesting and informative. They acknowledge that it is very interesting for them to learn that Blacon High School, our twinned school in England since 2016, has such a diverse range of nationalities among its students.

Having hosted staff and students from Blacon High School in Karlovo on several occasions now, teachers at Secondary School "Vasil Levsky" School are very used to sharing learning with their students and look forward to further collaborative work in 2024/25.

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To: Mr. David Stockdale

Blacon High School

Once again, we have had another year of valuable activities where students from Secondary School "Vasil Levsky" in Karlovo, and Blacon High School in England have had the opportunity to build on our long-standing relationship.

Students in both schools benefit from learning about our very different cultures and traditions, but also find that, through our continued dialogue, we all have a lot in common.

In addition to our virtual relationship, a highlight this year was when, along with a colleague and a group of students, I was able to visit Blacon High School again. There is enormous value for all concerned in the exchange programme and I know that the impact, along with all of our joint activities, spreads far beyond those students who are fortunate to take part.

We acknowledge real value in the learning that is shared as a result of the ongoing relationship between our two schools and would like to reaffirm our commitment to the twinning arrangement and further collaborations next year.

Mariana Mancheva

Headteacher of Secondary School "Vasil Levsky"

Town of Karlovo



21st July 2023

Annual School Exchange Programme: Blacon High School – Vasil Levsky High School

Dear Ms Mancheva,

Firstly, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for, once again, hosting a group of eight students from Blacon High School in June 2023. We are always made to feel extremely welcome by the Vasil Levsky High School and by the hospitality of the wider community of Karlovo.

All of our students had a very valuable and enriching experience that they will cherish.

On behalf of the Governing Body, it is now our pleasure to invite you, a colleague and your students to complete the UK leg of this year's student exchange at a mutually convenient date. During the visit, we will finish work on the project that we began in Karlovo: 'Overcoming Adversity', with a particular focus on how we can begin to combat some of the effects of global warming and climate change. It is our ambition to produce both digital and print resources that can be shared in a bid to help educate everyone in each of our communities that we can all play an important role in positively affecting the future.

We cannot say how much we value the ongoing relationship between our two schools, now in its eighth year, and we hope that it will continue to support the growth and education of our young people for years to come.

We look forward to welcoming you to Blacon High School later in the year.

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Hudson
Headteacher



David Stockdale
Assistant Headteacher



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Headteacher

**ПРОЕКТ „ПРЕОДОЛЯВАНЕ НА ТРУДНОСТИТЕ ПРЕЗ ПОГЛЕДА НА
УЧЕНИЦИТЕ ОТ СУ „ВАСИЛ ЛЕВСКИ“ – КАРЛОВО, БЪЛГАРИЯ И BLACON
HIGH SCHOOL – CHESTER, UK, 2023**

**PROJECT “OVERCOMING ADVERSITY THROUGH THE EYES OF STUDENTS
FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL VASSIL LEVSKI – KARLOVO, BULGARIA AND
BLACON HIGH SCHOOL – CHESTER, UK” 2023**

**SUBJECT: A LETTER OF INVITATION REGARDING A SCHOOL EXCHANGE VISIT
FROM 22nd JUNE TO 27th JUNE 2023 – KARLOVO, BULGARIA**

Dear Mrs. Hudson,

It is our pleasure to invite Mr. David Stockdale, another member of your staff and eight students to visit our school in Karlovo, Bulgaria. The trip will be from the 22nd – 27th June 2023 and our school and the host families here are excited to welcome our dear guests, to share our homes, our culture and our school as well as to discuss and create mutual product related to the project's topic: “OVERCOMING ADVERSITY THROUGH THE EYES OF STUDENTS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL VASSIL LEVSKI – KARLOVO, BULGARIA AND BLACON HIGH SCHOOL – CHESTER, UK” 2023.

Additionally, I would like to invite you as a headteacher at any time convenient for you to visit us at Secondary School “Vassil Levski” – town of Karlovo. Mrs. Stefanova, our project coordinator, will organize the trip and arrange the necessary details for any further visits. “Vassil Levski” High School and Blacon High School both felt the benefit of the cultural exchange and I hope that the links we have begun to develop are long lasting and far reaching.

I look forward to greeting everybody in June.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Mariana Mancheva
Headteacher

Francesca Mariotti<f.mariotti@liceoscientificofabriano.edu.it>

To:David Stockdale

Fri 22/05/2024 13:45

Hi David,

It was great to hear from you!

The journey back went smoothly and we all are fine, but the students miss Chester and the students at Blacon so much! We all had such a great time!!!! .

Of course we are glad to discuss future collaborations or the organisation of an exchange trip, and we are in discussions with our headmaster to agree how we can make this possible.

As you say that you have examinations in school coming up, I will contact you again following the summer holiday and we can begin to plan a possible visit when we would love to welcome your students to Fabriano.

My phone number is: +39 338 1154659

Luisa's phone number: + 39 328 3346703

Best wishes,
Francesca