

Blacon High School International Links



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More than a school



Blacon High School have represented Chester 5 times in the International Youth Games



Sens



Senigallia



Chester



Lörrach



Developing international links

Mixed groups of boys and girls from Lorrach (Germany), Sens (France) and Senigallia (Italy), together with 8 students from Blacon High School, representing Chester, to take part in three days of sporting and cultural exchanges.

Engaging with different environments, facilities and sporting activities

Students are challenged –demonstrate physical/skill fitness

Students experience a range of travel methods

Life skills - Relations, respect, rules and resilience – valued opportunities

Capital culture – accommodation, further experiences, city rallies, hikes

Student Benefits

- Develop new techniques, qualities and responsibilities
- Communication
- Team work
- Coping strategies
- Leadership
- Learn from other coaches, team mates and players
- Friendships
- Confidence

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Student Exchange Programme



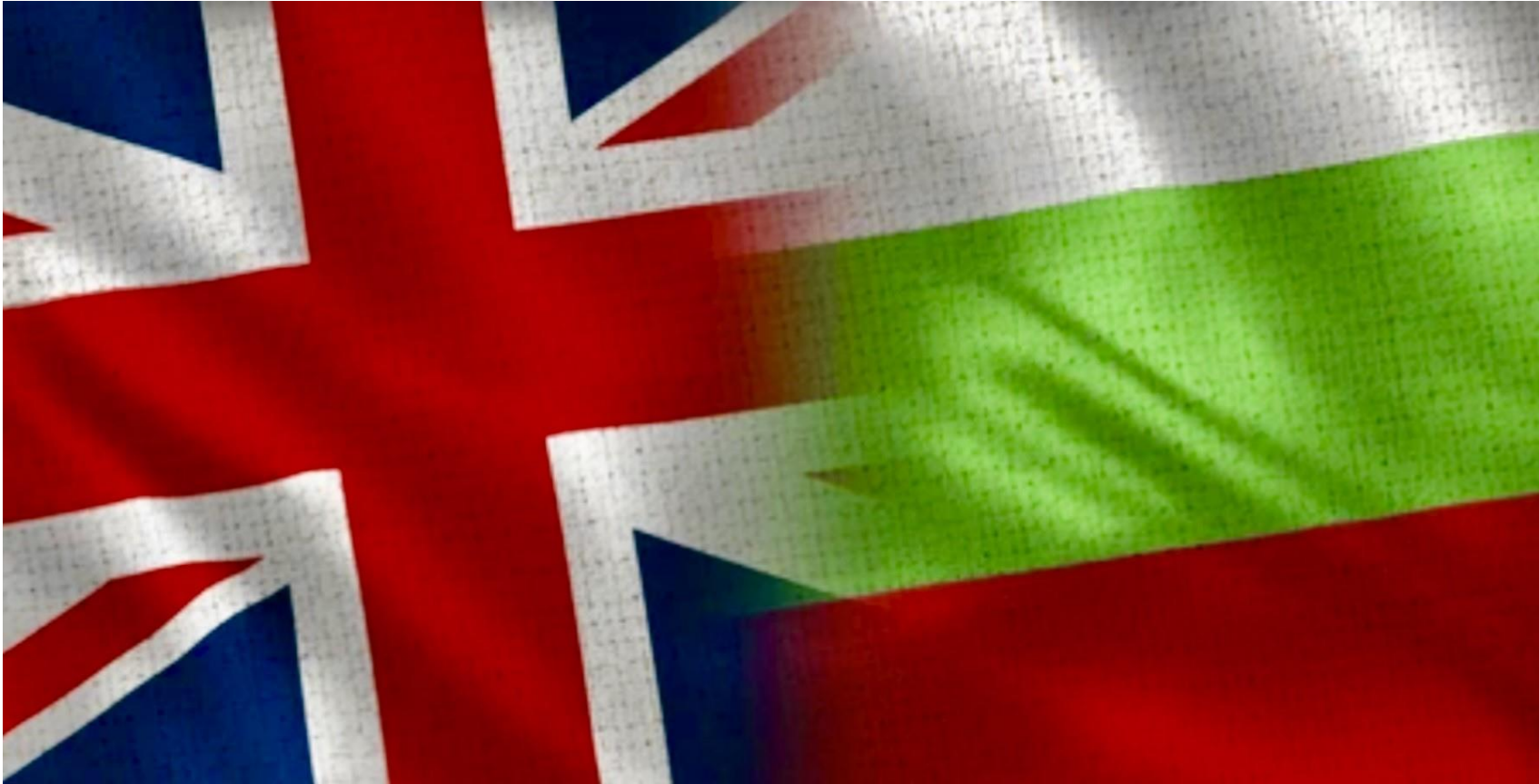
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Student Exchange Programme

Context: 2015

- first Ofsted 'Good' judgement
- Blacon High School new build under construction
- new beginnings and new horizons
- outward facing
- same opportunities for all, regardless of background
- ready to investigate links



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Student Exchange Programme

Timeline:

- 2015 – initial contact made and students began communicating with ‘pen friends.’
- 2016 – introductory visit by key staff to Karlovo, Bulgaria.
Draft agreement to form school ‘twinning’ partnership
- 2016 – return visit by key staff from Bulgarian colleagues
- 2017 – first student exchange visit to Karlovo
- 2017 – English leg of student exchange
- 2018 & 2019 – two further, successful student exchange trips
- 2020/21/22 – no student exchanges possible re: Covid 19
- 2023 – exchange visits recommence



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Impact

- personal development
- independence and resilience
- tolerance and respect
- communication skills
- compromise
- enhanced student experience
- enhanced cultural capital
- social and cultural awareness
- global citizenship

British Council International Award Intermediate Level



Minimum of three international focuses:
intent, impact,

- International exchange programme
- MFL language immersion trip to Spain
- Drama performances in French and Spanish



Next steps:

Continue to investigate and expand opportunities for international collaboration.

- Visit to the Palace of Westminster 15/01/24
- European Languages Day activities and lunch menu
- English leg of the exchange visit
- Swedish Drama - 'Storytelling'
- Chinese New Year – 10th February
- Native Spanish guest speaker
- Language immersion - host visiting groups from Spain and Italy
- 2024 student exchange