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Bonjour,

The Kelvin French language & French Immersion department would like to inform parents about summer language learning opportunities in French speaking provinces. Deadlines for applications are February 3, 2025 but we feel it is always best to apply before winter break.

You may have heard of the **5 week Explore 16-17 yrs** and the **3 week Explore 13-15 yrs** programmes. Kids stay in a university residence or with a host family, take language classes in the mornings and do workshops, excursions and other activities in the evenings and weekends. Tuition, room & board are entirely covered by a government bursary. The only cost to students is the flight and registration/excursion fees. Canadian and permanent residents of all levels of French are eligible for the bursary to cover the costs. **Students will need to have a teacher sign and stamp their application form with our school seal.**

<https://englishfrench.ca/explore/>

For current grade 10 & 11 students*

The YMCA Summer Work Exchange 2026 applications are now open. In this program, students swap places with a French speaking student and are provided with a paid (minimum wage) summer job in the Montreal region for 6 weeks. To be eligible for this program, students must be able to provide a host family for the exchange student. In some cases, alternate arrangements have been made. <https://swse.ymcagta.org/>

*Participants must be at least 16 years of age by **July 1** and no more than 17 years of age by **August 10**.

We hope you will consider these French cultural and language opportunities if not this summer, in 2025. Kelvin students (and staff) have benefitted from these programs for decades. Students live, work and play in their second language. The impact on their education and personal growth has been remarkable.

Merci!

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