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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for Year 7 and 8 students and their families. Pittville School has agreed to participate in a "Friendship School" programme with Changshu International School in China. Balcarras and Winchcombe Schools will also be involved in the partnership, which will see students from China visiting the 3 schools for 8 weeks during the summer term, 2019. Pittville will host 10 students for those 8 weeks. The students will all be aged between 11 and 13 years of age. They will spend time in school with their host student during the summer term.

We are looking for host families who will welcome one or two of the Chinese students to stay in their homes for the duration of the visit. During the May half-term holiday 2019 the students will go on a week-long tour of Britain and will not be with their host family for that time. There will be a quite a generous payment made to the host family.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Pittville to build links with an international school and for students to learn about the Chinese culture and perhaps even make a friendship for life. It might also be a great opportunity for an enjoyable cultural experience for your family.

More details about the visit will follow in the New Year but if you are interested in hosting a student I would be grateful if you would express your interest by contacting Mrs Ferrabee, PA to Mr Gilpin on 548755 or by email [lferrabee@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lferrabee@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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