



October 2025

Blue Stamp Work Experience and Host Stay - Lille

A1 French

Date: Saturday 4 July to Saturday 11 July 2026

Cost: Approx £970

15 Spaces

Trip Organisers: Blue Stamp Travel

BHASVIC Coordinator: Becky Morgan, r.morgan@bhasvic.ac.uk

Please note that this trip is not being run by BHASVIC. This trip has been outsourced to specialist tour operator, Blue Stamp Travel who specialise in educational trips abroad and have arranged a tailor-made trip for our BHASVIC students during Skills Week.

BHASVIC is pleased to offer residential trips to our students alongside their studies as not only does it support their learning but also give a great opportunity to grow independence, develop life skills and make new friends as they move on to adulthood.

The Languages & Culture Department has agreed a tailor-made work experience abroad trip to Lille, France with specialist tour operator Blue Stamp Travel in Skills Week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our French students at BHASVIC to be immersed in everyday French life, language and culture as they will be staying with host families and gaining work experience during the day.

Please note that BHASVIC has outsourced the running of this trip to Blue Stamp Travel, a UK based travel company specialising in European work experience trips for students and schools. **Blue Stamp organise the entire package from the work placement, travel, accommodation, social and cultural programme and insurance. No BHASVIC teachers will be accompanying the trip.** Blue Stamp Travel will provide a native or fluent French speaker, who will travel as the Group Leader with the students to/ from Lille. They will visit them in their work placements/ host homes and suggest evening activities for them. Blue Stamp will undertake the supervision, health & safety and safeguarding of students whilst they are away. They are 5-starred reviewed, and ABTA/ ATOL approved. For more information on Blue Stamp please visit their website: www.bluestamptravel.com

Accommodation

Students will stay at the host family's home in pairs or threes. The host family will provide breakfast and an evening meal. Blue Stamp hosts are arranged via an agent who has a local coordinator in Lille, and each host has the local equivalent of a DBS (police clearance) and are visited to ensure that the room and accommodation is welcoming and appropriate. See more here: [Host Accommodation](#)

Travel

Students will travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Lille Europe Train Station. Students will be met at London St Pancras International by the Blue Stamp Group Leader & they will travel to Lille with them. When students arrive in Lille, they will meet their host families and then travel to their accommodation at the host family's home. Blue Stamp's Group Leader will take responsibility for their safe travel. Eurostar travel times will be confirmed at a later date. There are no baggage limitations for the Eurostar.

Work Experience

Blue Stamp will arrange approx. 25hrs of work experience for students. The main goal is for students to develop their language skills whilst gaining some transferable skills through simple work experience and/or shadowing staff. They offer a range of business categories for work experience and will ask students to pick 5 areas they would be interested to work in. Blue Stamp will then match the students to the business categories available. Please note some categories' availability will depend on the time of year e.g. work experience in childcare would be limited in July as schools have broken up for Summer. For more info: [Work Experience Business Categories](#)

Activities

The Group Leader will make suggestions about possible evening activities for students to choose from, some activities will be free, but students should allow a small amount of spending money for activities such as the cinema, local attractions etc.

The cost of the trip is approx £970. Please note that this is the price based on transport arrangements at the time of quotation from Blue Stamp Travel. The price may change but we will aim to notify you of any changes at the time of confirmation of a place. This includes the following:

- Return Eurostar travel from London St Pancras to Lille
- Seven-night accommodation with host family
- Breakfast and dinner provided by host family
- 25hrs of work experience in chosen business category (if available)
- Group Leader assistance throughout the trip.
- BHASVIC travel insurance.

The following is not included in the cost of the trip:

- UK transfers
- Meals & snacks travelling to and from Lille
- Activities
- Lunches
- Additional cost for dietary requirements (£35 for Gluten-free / lactose free / vegan / halal / other)
- Blue Stamp Travel insurance (you will have the opportunity to purchase separately later for approx. £15).

We hope you can join us for this exciting trip, please see the following pages on how to sign-up³ and pay.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Trip Coordinator: Becky Morgan,
r.morgan@bhasvic.ac.uk

How to sign-up

To make sure that all students interested in joining this trip get a fair chance of getting a place we ask that you complete a sign-up form via this link. [Residential sign-up form](#) This does not secure you a place at this stage.

One application per student please and only put the students name down if you are sure they are 100% committed to going on the trip. The deadline to complete the form is by Friday 14 November 2025

If the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick students for the places. We will then email parents/ carers by Friday 21 November 2025 to let you know if the student does/ does not have a place. Those that don't will go on a waiting list. Those with a place will then need to pay the deposit by 28 November 2025 to confirm the place otherwise your place will be withdrawn.

Paying the Deposit

The cost of this trip is £970 (subject to changes in transport costs, which we will notify you of). The initial deposit is £200.

Please make sure you read the terms & conditions at the end of this letter before proceeding with payment.

Once you have received the email confirming the place on the trip you will be able to log into your BHASVIC Parent Pay account and pay the initial deposit of £200 by midday 28 November 2025. Payment of the deposit secures the place on the trip

*Please note that the £200 deposit is non-refundable, in line with Blue Stamps terms and conditions. If the deadline is missed for deposit payment, then the place will be offered to a student on the waiting list.

Remaining balance

Once the deposit has been paid you can pay the remaining balance of £770 in three instalments via Parent Pay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

15 January 2026 £256

15 February 2026 £256

15 March 2026 £258

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

If your child secures a place on the trip we will pass on the student's contact details along with parental emergency contact details (phone and email) to Blue Stamp so they can make contact with you directly. Blue Stamp will then be in contact to collect information such as passport details and any other information.

There will be an online trip briefing nearer the departure date where parents and students will have an opportunity to meet Blue Stamp and ask any questions. They will also receive a Trip Pack which will give them all the travel details/ emergency contacts whilst they are away.

Please make sure BHASVIC have your most up-to-date email & you check your junk mail. We will also let students know any information that needs to be relayed to their parent/ carer.

Please note - This is a non-compulsory trip and an enrichment activity. BHASVIC has approximately 4000 students making our course cohorts very large. We are therefore unable to offer places for all students on this trip. If your young person misses out there will be more opportunities for enrichment activities over their two years at BHASVIC.

Terms & conditions

1. At the time of writing the cost of this trip is correct. There may occasions where elements of the trip will be affected by price rises which are out of BHASVICs control. In these instances, this cost will be passed to the parent/carers. BHASVIC will make sure we inform the parent/ carer of any price increase in a timely manner & will ensure any additional cost is kept to a minimum.
2. If the student wishes to withdraw from the trip, please email the Trip Leader & trips@bhasvic.ac.uk
3. Blue Stamp has a system they use called BABEL to collect information such as passport details and any other information AI / ALS / Safeguarding/ Medical Needs / Health and Safety Issues/PEEPS. Please ensure you tell Blue Stamp any information needed to support your young person in this experience.