



Murder Mystery Teacher Guidance Booklet

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www.hillcrest.bham.sch.uk/lingua
for police ID card, booking forms
and further information



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What will your Murder Mystery visit involve?

This is a chance for year 9 students and above to work in teams as police investigators in the lingua@hillcrest centre. They compete to solve a murder mystery in French, German or Spanish.



After using their ID to enter the police headquarters, students watch a news bulletin and discover the essential details of the crime. Taking on different roles within their group, students build upon their linguistic knowledge and sleuthing skills to work out the identity of the perpetrator of the crime. Tasks may include looking at evidence, interviewing suspects, checking bank accounts and flight details as well as conducting a chromatography test. This is aimed at Year 9 and above but there is considerable linguistic support to enable all students to participate and contribute towards their team's success.

What is lingua@hillcrest ?

This exciting new language centre opened in May 2007 and is currently a unique school-based learning experience for language students. The centre consists of:



The language village – a mini shopping village with bank, grocer's, chemist's, tourist office, baker's, clothes shop, gift shop, lost property office, market and café. Village signs can be easily changed so that the village can operate in French, German or Spanish.

A **teaching room** with digital projector and interactive whiteboard.

Refreshments. Students can either bring a packed lunch or order lunches from the canteen.[£2.20]Packed lunches can either be eaten in a classroom or outside in our picnic area. Students can buy small snacks and drinks from our café.

Parking is available for minibuses directly opposite the entrance to the centre.

The murder mystery is set in the shopping village in the bank.

How much does a visit cost and how long does it last?

lingua@hillcrest is open on **Wednesdays**.

Morning sessions are usually from 10:00am to 12:00pm and afternoon sessions from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. It is sometimes possible to be flexible on start and finish times. Please contact us if you wish to discuss changing these.

The cost is £220 for half a day and £440 for a full day. An invoice will be sent to your school upon receipt of your booking form and should be paid before the visit.

Cancellations will incur a charge depending on the amount of notice given -
50% of the total cost for cancellations made 4 working weeks before the booked visit
100% for cancellations made 2 working weeks or less before the visit.

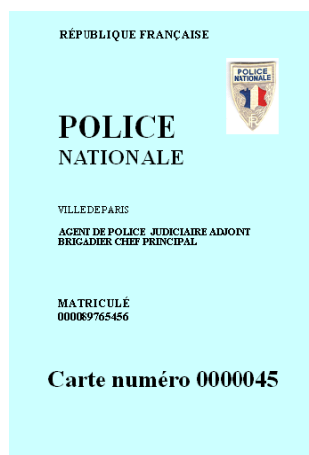
How many students can you bring?

We welcome groups of up to 30 students accompanied by the appropriate number of staff.

What is the role of the accompanying staff?

We would like to remind you that you are responsible for the good behaviour of your students at all times and for their safety and wellbeing. In addition, you may be asked to assist your students when they are involved in group activities.

What should your students bring?



Each student should bring their police identity card.

Students will pass through “security” where they will show their ‘police card’ and answer a few short questions. A copy of the police card will be sent to you once confirmation of your visit has been received. Please help each student to fill in all the details on the police card prior to the visit.

Students may wish to bring a small amount of money with them as there will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments during the visit. Currently all drinks and snacks cost 50p each.

Students do not need to bring anything else as stationery items will be provided. Although bags and coats will be locked in a secure place until the end of the visit, please discourage them from bringing valuables as we cannot be responsible for any losses.

How do you book?

In the first instance please contact us by telephone or e-mail to discuss the dates and times you require. You can then make a provisional booking by telephone or e-mail before completing the booking form with your requirements for the visit.

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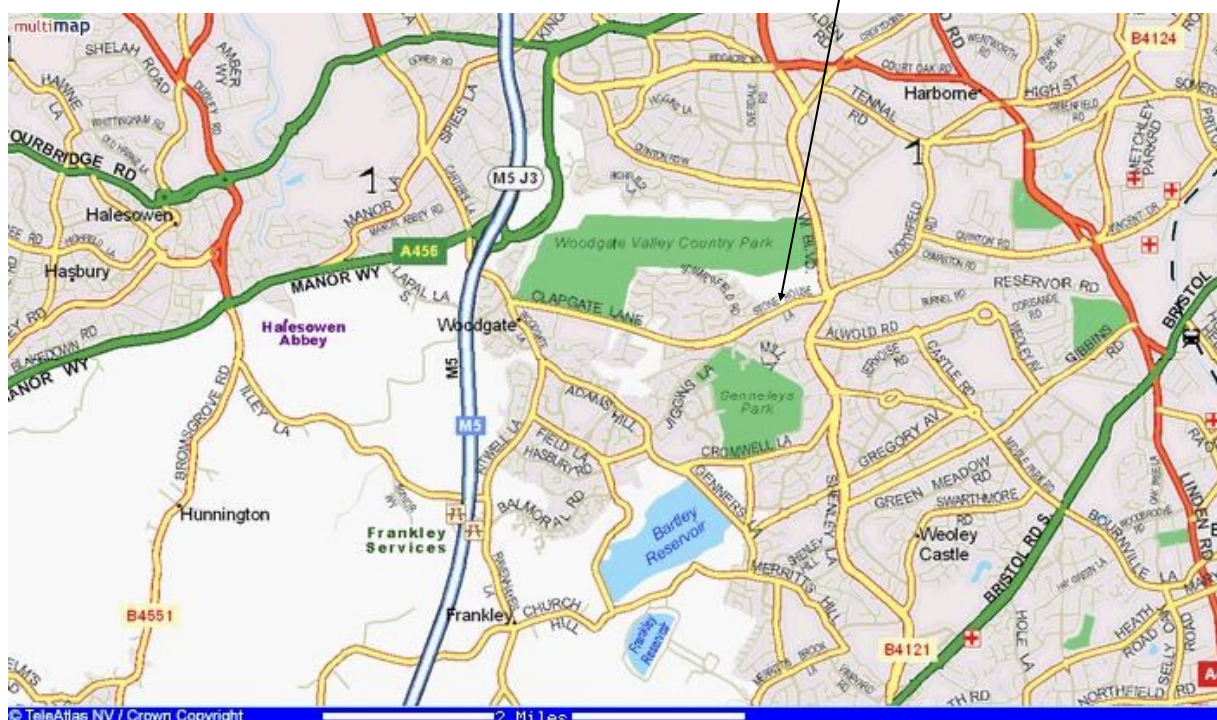
How do you get there?

The school is situated in Stonehouse Lane, just after the fire station.
It is served by buses 22, 23 and 29 from the city centre.

Minibuses should enter the school at the main **exit** (through the No Entry sign) and proceed up the drive, bearing to the left at the top. Parking is on the tennis courts at the end of the drive. Coaches should park on Stonehouse Lane to disembark students.

The entrance to lingua@hillcrest is signed to the left of the building in front of you. Should you have any difficulties in gaining access, please go to the main school entrance.

Location of school



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Preferred date of visit: _____ **Time:** AM / PM / Full day

Alternative dates: _____

Contact details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone no: _____

Email: _____

No. of Pupils: _____ **Age:** _____

Language: French / German / Spanish **Years studied:** _____ **Ability of group:** _____

Special needs:

Do you want to order lunches for your pupils ? [please inform us of any dietary requirements]

Additional information

Price information:

Bookings : Half day - £220 & Full day - £440

Early bird discounted price £190 per session for bookings confirmed before the end of September 2019

Please invoice my school for £ _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (payable to Hillcrest School)

I understand that cancellation charges apply should I cancel a visit at the last minute (see page 3)

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return to :

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