

## College Jean Mermoz

The link was started through the global gateway, a facility inspired by the International School Award, to encourage the sharing of practice and collaboration between schools across the globe.

Mr Purslow established the link in his previous school and has now brought the College Jean Mermoz to Whitley. A link with the school has been in place for 4 years and with Whitley for 12 months – in this time there have been many exchanges of electronic and traditional letters from classes ranging from Year 7 to the KS4 French groups as well as collaborative work completed on the environment – the culmination of this work was the visit to Whitley by our French partner school in March 2013.

Whitley Academy will return the visit in February 2014 to commemorate the link and also the 100 year anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War which devastated the northern region of France where the school is based.

Miss Sloyan completed a teacher visit to the school in February 2013 and we will be welcoming Ms C Feron to our community in June 2013 as again part of our commitment to this partnership.

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### Related Websites

#### School specific

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coll%C3%A8ge-Jean-Mermoz-Faches-Thumesnil/169190146499636>

<http://collegemermoz-fachesthumesnil.fr/>

#### Related to the local town where the school is based

[http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g2545273-Faches\\_Thumesnil\\_Nord\\_Nord\\_Pas\\_de\\_Calais-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g2545273-Faches_Thumesnil_Nord_Nord_Pas_de_Calais-Vacations.html)

<http://www.ville-fachesthumesnil.fr/>

#### The main Lille information site (in English)

[http://www.lilletourism.com/index\\_gb.php](http://www.lilletourism.com/index_gb.php)

[Read all about our latest trip to Lille here](#)

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