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## Welcome to the West Tisbury School's UK Exchange Program!

I am Kate Athearn, UK Program Coordinator.

The UK exchange program has been a tradition between the West Tisbury School and the Bridgewater High School, in Manchester England since 1986, for 33 years!

Through the hard work of many staff members on both sides of the pond, as well as countless parents and community members, the program has maintained its presence and value for our own students, as well as our friends abroad.

This 2019/2020 school year will be my second year coordinating the exchange. Not too long ago, my own two sons participated and our family has hosted students and chaperones throughout. This past school year, 2019, I made the trip to the UK, as a chaperone. Through all these experiences, my appreciation for this special and unique program has grown. This international cultural exchange is such a fantastic, enlightening, and life expanding experience for all involved. It is yet another part of what makes the West Tisbury School educational experience so enriching and engaging.

I look forward to working with all parents, guardians, and the school community to make this year's exchange a memorable and successful program. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding meetings and general ongoing information, dates and deadlines.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerns.

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