



19 April 2024

Trip to France 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The PE Department is currently planning the annual France trip for students in Years 7, 8, and 9, including the new Year 7 students starting in September. The trip will last for four days and three nights, starting on Friday 4 July 2025, and ending on Monday 7 July 2025. During their stay, the students will reside in Chateau de Grande Romaine, which is located just outside Paris. They will have the opportunity to visit Disneyland Paris and explore the city of Paris, including a trip to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower.

Planned activities include:

- **Friday 4 July 2025**
Leave school early to travel by coach from school to France. Arrive in time for dinner and games at the Chateau de Grande Romaine accommodation.
- **Saturday 5 July 2025**
Visit Disneyland Paris, which includes entry and access to all rides and attractions. Pupils will need money for a meal at Disney, but a packed lunch will be provided.
- **Sunday 6 July 2025**
Pupils will spend the day exploring Paris, including going up to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower and a river cruise.
- **Monday 7 July 2025**
Leave early to travel by coach to England and return to school in the evening.

Your child will have the opportunity to use their French skills while ordering food and communicating with staff during the trip. This is a fantastic chance for them to explore a new culture and practice their language skills in a safe, supervised, and educational environment. The trip will be led by five experienced staff members, and all pupils will stay in bedrooms within the chateau. Staff will supervise pupils throughout the night to ensure the highest standards of health and safety are maintained at all times.

The trip costs £670, which includes return coach travel and ferry crossing, all meals (including vegetarian and halal options), full board accommodation for three nights, entry to Disneyland Paris, entry to the Eiffel Tower, tickets for a river cruise, insurance, and VAT. Students will need no more than €50 for spending money (for souvenirs, snacks, and a meal in Disneyland or while exploring Paris).

Please note that to secure a place, you will need to complete the consent form and make a *non-refundable deposit* of £130 via ParentPay by Friday 10 May 2024. As demand is expected to be high, we recommend that you pay the deposit as soon as possible. Following the deposit, you will be required to make four more instalments, with payment due before the following dates:

- 2nd payment of £135 by Friday 5 July 2024
- 3rd payment of £135 by Friday 6 September 2024
- 4th payment of £135 by Friday 8 November 2024

- Final payment of £135 by Friday 10 January 2025

Places for the trip will be assigned based on the principle of 'first come first served'. However, pupils' attendance and behaviour records will also be considered while allocating the spots. If the number of interested students exceeds the number of available places, the remaining names will be added to a reserve list. Please note that the deposit will not be refunded if your child decides not to attend the trip after being assigned a spot unless another student from the reserve list can take their place.

Please note that your child must have their own passport in their name, which should be valid for at least three months after the intended date of departure from the European Union. Additionally, the passport must have been issued within the last 10 years. *For example, if they're entering France on 4 July 2025 and returning to the UK on 7 July 2025, their passport needs to have been issued after 4 July 2015 and be valid until 7 October 2025.*

Should you have any queries or would like further information about this trip, please contact me on 0121 783 7807.

Yours faithfully,

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