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Dear Parent/Carer

# Year 8 Paris trip July 2024

I am delighted to inform you that a provisional booking has been made for our longstanding and exciting Year 8 cultural and language visit to Paris, France, in activities week from Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>- Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will once again be staying at the extremely popular PGL centre, La Grande Romaine in the surrounding countryside just outside Paris. The trip will be run in conjunction with PGL School Tours. PGL is a first-class operator with an excellent reputation for organising school trips. They have over 60 years of experience in the school travel business. This trip is open to year 8 students of French.

We will depart school on Friday 12th July 2024 by coach and travel by Ferry, Calais to Dover. We will remain with our coach and driver throughout the trip and return via coach and Ferry on the Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## <u>Cost</u>

The cost of the trip has been carefully calculated at **£599** per pupil. \*\**This includes discount based on 40 pupils*\*\*. Payments can be made in several instalments and dates of this will be communicated at a later date.

The trip is excellent value and the cost includes:

- 1. Return travel from school. All coaches are fitted with seat belts.
- 2. Executive coach.
- 3. Full board accommodation. (only snack money needed)
- 4. A full programme of activities.
- 5. All entrance fees to places of interest.
- 6. Full comprehensive insurance.

Some of the excursions we are planning to do are:

- A full exciting day / evening exploring the imperial centre of Paris, (as much as we can fit in). The Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Latin Quarter, The Tuilerie Gardens and the Louvre, the Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe.
- A morning visit to the Cité des Sciences or visit to the Stade de France
- An afternoon in the fantastic area of Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur.
- A full day at the popular French theme park, Parc Astérix.

The only additional cost will be spending money, including some food needed on the outward and return journey.

We wish to make it clear that if the visit takes place, no student will be denied participation on the grounds that no contribution has been made on their behalf. However, please be aware, if insufficient contributions are made, we will be unable to proceed with the trip. Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website <u>here</u>.

# **Application process**

Please discuss this with your child and if you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you complete an Expression of Interest Form using this <u>link</u>. Once numbers are confirmed, we will email to request you to complete the Trip Form.

Please state clearly the <u>exact title</u>: "<u>Paris July 2024</u>" on the form. Please do this as soon as possible, but by 9am Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the very latest.

Places are <u>limited</u> due to the increasing popularity of this trip and this particular centre so please ensure your form is completed as promptly as possible to avoid disappointment. <u>Upon acceptance</u> you will be asked to pay a deposit of £150 via ParentPay promptly in order to secure a place and you will be advised of the staggered payment schedule until May. The deposit will be non-refundable once places have been allocated.

## **Additional information**

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **<u>important information</u>** regarding medical, passports, EHIC/GHIC requirements and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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Head of French