



October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**MFL Department Trip to Paris, France - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

We are proposing to take 40 Year 7, 8 and 9 students on a trip to Paris in France, leaving at approximately 11.00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and returning on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at approximately 01.30am. We will visit the famous Stade de France followed by dinner out in a restaurant in the trendy area of Montmartre in Paris before spending a day at Disneyland Paris where students will enjoy an evening meal at Planet Hollywood. The trip will culminate in the ascent of the Montparnasse Tower where students can enjoy a 360-degree view of Paris, including the most famous Paris monuments, followed by the ascent of the Arc de Triomphe. Finally students will enjoy a shopping excursion to the Cite Europe shopping centre in Calais. This will be a superb opportunity for students to develop their language skills in French and increase their cultural knowledge of France. Students in Year 9 applying for this trip should be studying French as an option, those in Year 8 should have a strong intention of taking GCSE French as an option in Year 9 and those in Year 7 should currently be studying French.

The cost of the trip will be £423. This will cover the cost of the coach, the shuttle, full board accommodation at the Fiap Hotel in Paris, evening meals in Montmartre and Planet Hollywood and entrance fees into Disneyland Paris, the Montparnasse Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. Students will, however, be expected to bring their own passport, additional spending money and two packed lunches (enough food/drink for the outbound journey and a picnic in Paris on day one). The hotel will supply packed lunches and the tour cost includes meals out in the evenings.

I should also inform you that we need the students to have sufficient maturity to cope with the demands of being away from home overnight in a foreign country with different customs. We also need them to be able to follow instructions and be aware of their own safety. **For this reason, we will seek to ensure the students that we take have a good conduct record in school by reserving the right to refuse to take students who have had:-**

- more than 25 Low Level Disruption (C1) points,
- 6 or more detentions (C3, pastoral, subject)
- 2 or more School Detentions
- 2 or more occasions in the Inclusion Room
- 3 or more C4s
- any exclusions (internal or external)

**up until Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. Students may also be removed from the trip after Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June if their behaviour is a serious concern during this period leading up to the trip. In addition, all students will be expected to sign a Behaviour Contract which outlines our expectations of them whilst on the trip. Signing this contract is a condition of them taking part in the trip.**

Furthermore, although we will try our hardest to ensure that your child shares a hotel room (usually in groups of 3 or 4) with the student(s) of their choice, it may not always be possible for us to satisfy all requests due to the room allocation from the hotel. As a result, **I should also inform you that the students should be prepared to share a room with one or more students who they are less acquainted with.**

In addition, as part of the experience, **students will be exposed to food that is different from what they are familiar with. Students need to be able to cope with all the above aspects of travelling abroad.**

To reserve a place on the trip, you will need to fill in the attached reply slip and send to Mrs Finley or Student Services by Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. **Please do not send in any money at this stage.**



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Attendance on this trip is entirely voluntary and is not an essential part of the MFL curriculum for your son/daughter. Please note that if your son/daughter is entitled to Pupil Premium, you will be able to request a £30 reduction on the cost of the trip - kindly indicate this on the reply slip. Mrs Pitcher, our Pupil Premium Coordinator, will contact you if your son/daughter does not qualify for a discount on this trip.

**Please may I remind you that once your child is booked on to the trip, the first deposit of £50 and any subsequent payments are non-refundable. Please be aware that students removed from the trip for failing to meet the behaviour criteria outlined above will still be liable for the full cost of the trip.**

Although no payments will be required until you have been contacted to confirm an available place, a place can only be secured following receipt of your initial deposit. Therefore, please be aware of the following payment deadlines (subject to change) before making a decision:

Payment 1 (Deposit) - £50 by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Payment 2 – £70 by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Payment 3 – £151 by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Payment 4 - £ 152 by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

The travel company arranging the visit does not foresee any issues with regard to the trip as a result of a possible Brexit. We will be in touch with parents/carers should the situation change.

An exact itinerary will follow confirmation of your child's place on the trip. If you would like additional information in the meantime, then I will be delighted to answer your questions. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support for this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely

N Finley  
Subject Leader in MFL



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Name of child ..... Form .....

I would like to express an interest in my son/daughter going on the trip to Paris in July 2020.  
I understand that places will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

It is essential for you and your child to have read and understood the following requirements for this trip in order to secure a place.

- I understand that I will be contacted shortly if a place has been offered, and that a deposit will be requested in order to secure the place.
- I understand that the first £50 deposit and any subsequent payments are non-refundable.
- I understand that my child needs to demonstrate confidence in staying away from home overnight.
- I understand that my child needs to demonstrate enough maturity to follow and listen to instructions and be aware of their own safety.
- I understand that my child will be expected to sign a Behaviour Contract as a condition of being allowed to go on the trip.
- I understand that it might not always be possible for staff to accommodate the students' requests in terms of room arrangements in the hotel in Paris.
- I understand that my child will be exposed to food that they are less familiar with during the trip.
- I understand that my child's place will be withdrawn if they do not meet the behaviour criteria set out in the letter and that full payment will still be required for their place

If you qualify for Pupil Premium, please tick here

Signed..... Date .....

**Please note: All reply slips need to given to Mrs Finley or Student Services by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

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