



10th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 8 Residential Trip – France, Saturday 25th to Wednesday 29th May 2024

As part of our enrichment programme, we are proposing to run a 5-day residential trip to France. The trip will run from Saturday 25th to Wednesday 29th May 2024. Should there be any safety issues surrounding the proposed trip to France, the Headteacher reserves the right to either change the itinerary or otherwise depending on the circumstances.

The tour company we are using is called NST and they are very well established. The transport will be by coach which will be fully equipped with air-conditioning, seat belts, washroom/toilet, video etc.

Once in France we will be staying in a 2* hotel with en-suite rooms and buffet style breakfast served each morning, all other meals are included.

During the 5 days and 4 nights stay, students will follow a bespoke itinerary which has been specifically arranged to ensure students gain the maximum benefit from the trip.

Students will visit a number of sights and experience a range of activities including: the Canadian War Memorial and the tunnels at Vimy Ridge, Parc Asterix, Velo-Rail cycling excursion, a chocolate factory and the medieval town of Provins. They will also be able to enjoy a full day at Disneyland Paris including the Disney Dreams illuminations and fireworks display. The itinerary may be subject to change due to advanced bookings but will be as close to this as possible.

The price for this trip will be £720. **Places are limited to 60 students.** In the event of the trip being oversubscribed places will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis** with a reserve list being held. Should your child be allocated a place then the deposit is non-refundable unless the vacancy is filled. Those who are placed on the reserve list will be advised if a place becomes available and you will be invited to pay the required payment.

The release date and availability to make payment for this trip will be **Monday 13th November at 10am (payment WILL NOT BE VISIBLE until that time and places cannot be reserved).**

If you are interested in allowing your child to be involved in this exciting trip, we would ask for a **non-refundable** deposit of **£100 on the 13th November**, paid online using the School Gateway.



Further payments will need to be made **online using the School Gateway** website (see details attached), and will need to be received as follows;

- £100 by Friday 13^h November 2023 (non-refundable deposit)
- £124 by Friday 29th December 2023
- £124 by Friday 26th January 2024
- £124 by Friday 23rd February 2024
- £124 by Friday 29th March 2024
- £124 by Friday 26th April 2024

You may pay more than the required amount each month if you prefer and therefore complete payment earlier or pay the full amount at any time. Please ensure that payment dates are strictly adhered to.

Please be aware that if you are registered for free school meals there is funding available of 25% (£180.00) towards the cost of this trip. **If you are registered or have previously been registered for free school meals** please contact Mrs Sen **after you have made your deposit payment**, on 01727 731341. Please be aware that funding will be applied to the final payment.

Students will need to travel on their own passports and will also require a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). You can apply online for an GHIC at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers. **Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of return.**

If there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr K Henshall
Trip Co-ordinator

How to pay online:



Log on to: www.schoolgateway.com

Select: Make a Payment

Select: **Yr8 France 2024 Payment**

Follow the on screen instructions to complete the payment

If you would like information on how to access the School Gateway system then please contact the School Office on 01727 856874.

