

Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday, September 30, 2022

Whenever we can, we like to take language learning out of the classroom. This academic year we are running two different trips to France which will be open to Year 9 students.

The first trip is a trip to Lille Christmas market. There are approximately 30 places left on this trip. Please note that the difficult decision was made to offer this trip to Year 8 students first as this is the only opportunity, they will have this year to take part in a trip to France with the school.

We will be leaving school early on Monday 12 December 2022 and returning late on Tuesday 13 December 2022. Exact timings will be provided closer to the time.

The cost of the trip is £175. A deposit of £75 will need to be paid by Friday 7th October with the balance of £100 payable by Friday 21 October. This covers travel, one night's accommodation, entry to the waffle factory, bowling and pizza on the evening of Monday 12 December and breakfast on Tuesday 13 December.

Payments for the trip should be made via ParentPay and there are two options for payment: -

- Option 1 – Payment of a deposit of £75 by Friday 7 October and the balance of £100 any time between now and Friday 11 November
- Option 2 – Payment of the full amount of £175 at any time before Friday 7 October

Students will also require a small amount of spending money for snacks, souvenirs and lunch on Tuesday 13th December. We would also advise providing students with a packed breakfast and lunch for Monday 12th December*.

There will be a longer residential trip at the end of the academic year. This will be to Paris, rather than Rouen as previously planned. I am awaiting confirmation for the full cost of this trip and will communicate this to parents and carers as soon as I can. Unfortunately, I cannot give you an exact amount for this trip at present, but hopefully confirmation that this trip will be running will help you with your decision making.

For both trips, please note that students will require a current passport. For information on applying for passports, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-renew-passport> or visit your local post office**. On the day we travel, all UK passports must have 6 months of validity left and be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left)*.

If you would like to book a place for your child on the Lille Christmas Market trip, please complete the below slip and ask your child to return it to their French teacher. Places on the trip will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Early receipt of this signed slip along with payment of the deposit will guarantee your child a place on this trip. A letter launching the Paris Residential Trip will be sent out to parents and carers as soon as possible.

A parent/carers and student information evening for any students attending the trip will be held after October half term.

Best wishes,

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- * Students with Free School Meals will be provided with lunch on Monday 12 December
- ** Students will not need to take out any travel insurance as this is included in the price.

I give permission for my child _____ to take part in the Year 9 French trip to Lille Christmas market.

- I confirm that I will pay the deposit of £75 by 7th October and the balance of £100 by 11th November
- I can confirm that on 12 December my child will be in possession of a valid passport with at least 6 months of validity left

Parent name _____

Parent signature _____

Parent contact number _____

Parent email address _____