

Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday, September 16, 2022

Whenever we can, we like to take language learning out of the classroom. This term we would like to offer 100 of our Year 8 students the opportunity to spend a short time in France. We will be travelling to the city of Lille, in the North of France. Lille is the perfect place to experience the authentic and magical atmosphere of a traditional Christmas market. Students will be able to use their French skills in the market, where they can sample different foods and buy traditional souvenirs. As well as visiting the Christmas market, we will also be visiting a waffle factory and enjoying an evening of pizza and bowling. Students will also enjoy a 1.5 hour guided walking tour of Lille.

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 30 September 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 will be made via ParentPay and there are two options for payment: -

Option 1 – Payment of a deposit of £75 by Friday 30 September and the balance of £100 any time between Friday 30 September and Friday 21 October

Option 2 – Payment of the full amount of £175 by Friday 30 September

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*.

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

Best wishes,

Miss Emma Wallace
Head of French

* 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 8 French trip to Lille Christmas market.

- I confirm that I will pay the deposit of £75 by 30 September and the balance of £100 by _____
- 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 _____