

Dear Parents,

January 2024

YEAR 7 TRIP TO FRANCE: 3rd – 5th JULY 2024

We are excited to be launching our three-day trip to France for Year 7 Students. This will be an invaluable opportunity for the pupils to visit France and use their French language.

We shall be travelling by executive coach and ferry. We will stop in Dieppe where we will be encouraging students to use their French to buy ice-creams and crepes. We will then travel on to Vernon where we will stay in a three star hotel (www.hotelmont-vernon.com/en).

The next day we shall be visiting Monet's garden in Giverny, having a picnic by the ruins of Chateau Gaillard, and then spending an afternoon in Rouen, including a visit to the famous cathedral and Joan of Arc's memorial site. Students will be given some free time in the pedestrian zone of the old quarter of Rouen where they will be able to use their language skills to buy souvenirs.

On the final day, we will visit Nausicaa sealife centre in Boulogne (<http://www.nausicaa.co.uk/>). We will also spend some time at Auchan hypermarket.

The estimated cost of the trip, including insurance, accommodation and all meals (except for a packed lunch on the first day) is £360.00. The cost may vary slightly due to exchange rate changes, however in the past any changes have been minimal. The numbers are based on 40 students. Students will also need approximately £25.00 in pocket money.

If you wish your son/daughter to take up the opportunity to go on this trip, please complete the consent form found on ParentMail and make a £50 deposit on ParentMail **by 8am on Friday 2nd February**. If your child is not offered a place the deposit will be returned.

We expect this trip to be popular and spaces are limited to 40; therefore, we will accept all completed applications up to the deadline and, should the trip be oversubscribed, all applications will be numbered and numbers will be drawn from a hat. A small number of students will be placed on a waiting list.

Selection will also include consideration of a student's behaviour and attendance. For example, students who are repeatedly truanting from lessons or failing to follow instructions in College, may not be deemed suitable for inclusion on certain visits or trips, as outlined in the visits and trips guidelines issued in September 2023.

Once students have been notified that they have been successful in gaining a place on the trip, the full amount of the trip must be paid by Friday 19th April. Payments can be made online ParentMail.

Students will need to travel on their own passport and to also hold a Global Health Insurance Card. Copies of passports and GHICs (by email scan, photo or in school) will need to be received by the Finance Office by Monday 4th March for the passport information to be sent to the travel agent. The school will then collect the passports in on Friday 17th May where they will be stored in the safe. Passports will be returned to students on the return journey. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time with details of the information evening. Please check the validity of your child's passport on the government website.

Please note that once the trip has been confirmed, if a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the trip, the parent/guardian will be liable for any charges, including the full balance that the college incurs.

Yours sincerely,
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