

RDE/TDY

11 February 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

French Trip to Paris – 29 July to 2 August 2019

The Modern Foreign Languages department is proud to offer students studying French in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 the opportunity to immerse themselves in French culture and language during a five-day trip to Paris.

The benefits of spending time in a foreign country are universally recognised. Not only does it enable students to hone their linguistic skills but also their cultural knowledge, thus making substantial progress in many areas of the curriculum and broaden their horizon. It is also a great motivator to experience language learning in real life situations and often acts as a real eye-opener, thus galvanizing future language learning experience.

During the trip the students will visit the Eiffel Tower/Tour Montparnasse, the Musée du Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, the Château de Versailles as well as enjoy a boat trip on the Seine, some time in Montmartre and a visit to the reputed Parc Astérix theme park. Northampton School *for Boys* language teachers will also deliver a fun 2 hour lesson three mornings during the trip. It will focus on communication and the programme of the day so that the students can put their learning into practice with immediate effect.

The trip will run from Monday 29 July (07:15 departure) to Friday 2 August 2019 (23:59 return). Transport will be by an Executive coach with air-conditioning from Northampton to Paris.

All transport, half-board accommodation (breakfast and dinner in hotel or restaurant) and insurance are included in the price of **£549**. The students will be accommodated in a modern and comfortable hotel 30 minutes away from Paris in shared rooms, according to their year group. Students will need some money in Euros for their lunch (to buy a sandwich and a drink for instance) and souvenirs, etc. We will make every attempt to ensure that the trip can be run within the stated cost. However, should unforeseen circumstances result in additional expense, the school will ask for an additional contribution to make up any short-fall.

Although there will be a staff presence at all times on the trip, there will be times when students will be expected to work in groups in the city, for example when buying food. They will be expected to behave appropriately and comply with staff instructions regarding meeting times and geographical boundaries.

A deposit of **£100** is required by the tour operator so please confirm your son/daughter's place on the trip by completing the attached reply slip and returning it to Finance Office at school, the deposit must be paid by **Thursday 28 February 2019** and can be paid by parent pay. **The full balance will be payable by Friday 10 May 2019**. Please note that your son/daughter will need at least 6 months left on their passport from the date of their arrival in France.

Suggested payment plan as follows (all payments should be made using Parent pay): -

Deposit by Thursday 28 February - £100

Second payment by Friday 29 March - £220

Final payment by Friday 10 May - £229

I hope that you will agree that this trip will offer the students an excellent cultural experience while also helping them improve their language skills.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Deserces
Modern Foreign Languages Teacher

REPLY SLIP TO THE FINANCE OFFICE

Re: French Trip to Paris – 29 July to 2 August 2019

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

I/We* agree to my/our* son/daughter* taking part on the above trip to Paris.

I confirm £100 non-refundable deposit will be paid via Parent-pay by **Friday 28 February**.

I/We* acknowledge that the full balance of **£549** is to be paid by **Friday 10 May 2019**.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian

(*Please delete as appropriate)