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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: French Residential Trip - Monday 24th March to Friday 28th March 2025

We would like to offer Year 7 pupils the opportunity to go on an overseas language trip to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of French culture planned for the next academic year. This is a highly successful and popular trip, and I have been able to negotiate a reduced price from PGL, who have been a trusted partner of our school for many years.

We would like to invite you into school to attend an **Information Evening on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 5:30pm** to give you an idea of the opportunity that we are offering your child. If you would like to attend this event, can you please complete the form on ParentMail so that we have an idea of how many people are attending.

Below is an **example** of the itinerary that we followed in previous years. This trip will include these activities but at the moment we have not received a daily breakdown from PGL.

Day	Itinerary
Monday	Arrive at centre Settle in, Welcome Talk and evening meal. <u>Evening:</u> Activity
Tuesday	<u>AM:</u> Brie Comte Robert Town Trail and Market <u>PM:</u> Tour of Montmartre and Sacre Cœur <u>Evening:</u> Activity
Wednesday	Full day at Disneyland with picnic Lunch (both parks) <u>Evening:</u> Activity





Thursday	<u>AM</u> : Eiffel Tower <u>PM</u> : Art Museum Afternoon shopping at French hypermarché <u>Evening</u> : Disco
Friday	Depart after breakfast with Vimy Ridge memorial stop en-route

We will be staying at PGL's own secure accommodation at Le Chateau de Grande Romaine just outside of Paris. Any activities will be led by qualified PGL instructors and guides, as well as having an adult from Emmanuel present with each group. Le Chateau de Grande Romaine sits in 70 acres of its own grounds. Twenty miles from the centre of Paris it is an ideal base from which to discover the world-famous sights of Paris, practise language skills and experience French culture. More information can be found on the website page www.pgl.co.uk.

The residential will be for 5 days (4 nights), leaving school on Monday 24th March and returning on Friday 28th March 2025. The total cost for the residential including all transport, accommodation, meals, insurance and activities is **£690*** per pupil. For pupils who are **currently** entitled to Free School Meals the cost will be **£330**. (*This also includes the ticket for the top of the Eiffel Tower and a Two Park Entry Ticket for Disney – Disney Studio and Disneyland Park).

In order to secure your child's place on this trip I would ask that you pay the deposit of £75.00 (FSM £40) through ParentMail. As places on this trip are limited, the payment line for the deposit will go live at 7pm on Thursday 25th April 2024. Please only pay the requested deposit at this stage. **All deposits must be paid by Monday 20th May.** After this date a decision will be made as to whether the trip is viable. The cost of the trip is based on numbers between 70 and 90 pupils. If for any reason we are unable to proceed with the residential trip, then the school would refund all the deposits already paid. Insurance for this trip is provided through PGL.

If the trip is able to go ahead, your deposit will then be non-refundable as the school will make the initial payment to PGL and the trip will be confirmed. Following this the expected payment dates are as follows and we would ask parents to adhere to these as the school has to make staged payments to PGL:

- An initial deposit of £75 (FSM £40) by 20th May 2024
- A second payment of £103 (FSM £50) by 28th June 2024
- A third payment of £103 (FSM £50) by 26th July 2024
- A fourth payment of £103 (FSM £50) by 30th August 2024
- A fifth payment of £103 (FSM £50) by 27th September 2024
- A sixth payment of £103 (FSM £50) by 25th October 2024
- A final payment of £100 (FSM £40) by 29th November 2024



The above dates coincide with the staged payments that the school has to make to PGL. Parents are welcome to pay more than the amount requested but we do ask that the above payment dates are met.

The closer to the departure date the greater proportion of the total price will have to be paid, if the visit is cancelled by a parent. The school has to pay stepped deposits throughout the year that are non-refundable. This is common practice among holiday firms.

If your child has special dietary requirements you will be asked about those on the medical form which will be sent out nearer the time. Any medical conditions, which require medication, will also need to be notified: and it is extremely important that we have up to date contact details for everyone who has parental responsibility.

During school trips and residential visits, all pupils are expected to comply with the school's rules and expectations. If, prior to this residential visit a pupil is displaying persistent poor behaviour, then the school reserves the right to withdraw them from the visit. Any potential refund resulting from a pupil being withdrawn from the visit would be subject to PGL's refund policy.

There will be a planning meeting with more details for parents closer to departure to outline the itinerary and logistics of the visit. However, if, in the meantime, you have any questions regarding the visit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Fagge
Head of French