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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: French Residential Trip - Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March 2024

Following on from the information I gave you during the Initial Information Evening on Tuesday 25th April, I am now able to give you more details about the residential trip that we have planned for the next academic year.

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. 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.

Below is an **example** of the itinerary that we followed in previous years. This year's 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
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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 <http://www.pgl.co.uk/PGLWeb/Schools/Secondary-schools/adventure-study/French-Secondary-destinations>.

The residential will be for 5 days (4 nights), leaving school on Monday 18th March 2024 and returning on Friday 22nd March 2024. The total cost for the residential including all transport, accommodation, meals, insurance and activities is **£590*** per pupil. For pupils who are **currently** entitled to Free School Meals the cost will be **£300**. (*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 through ParentMail. As places on this trip are limited, the payment line for the deposit will go live at 7pm on Thursday 27th April 2023. **Please only pay the requested deposit at this stage.** **All deposits must be paid by Wednesday 10th 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 10th May 2023
- A second payment of £115 (FSM £60) by 12th June 2023
- A third payment of £100 (FSM £50) by 7th July 2023
- A fourth payment of £100 (FSM £50) by 1st September 2023
- A fifth payment of £100 (FSM £50) by 1st October 2023
- A final payment of £100 (FSM £50) by 1st November 2023

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.

Nearer the date of departure, I am planning a meeting with more details for parents: 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/Trip Group Leader)