



18th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 French Study Visit to Paris
Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June 2025

The Languages Department are delighted to be able to offer a study visit abroad for students currently in Year 7 and to have the opportunity to use French and experience some of the culture and society of the country of the language they are studying.

In 2025, we are proposing to take a party of Year 8 students to Chateau de Grande Romaine in France. The maximum number of places available is **90**.

Whilst in France, there will be excursions to a local market, a chateau, a full day in Paris visiting the Eiffel tower, Sacre Coeur and Montmartre, a boat trip along the Seine and a day at Parc Asterix (www.parcasterix.fr) . Other evening activities based at the centre will be confirmed at a later date.

Accommodation is at the PGL Chateau de Grande Romaine site. There is a restaurant for breakfast and dinner, with packed lunches provided for midday.

All group members will be expected to speak as much French as possible and immerse themselves in the culture and lifestyle of a different country. The company through which the visit is organised is PGL, whose parent company we have used on many previous occasions and is ABTA registered. Their website has a fantastic Parent Guide www.pgl.co.uk/parents with tours of the centre, insurance details and all other information.

In order to run the visit, we have to raise the cost of **£777** per student, subject to a minimum number of students participating, which includes return travel by coach and Eurotunnel/ferry from school to France, accommodation, full board, insurance, excursions and use of the coach during the visit. Each student will need their **own full passport which must be in date for at least 3 months after the return date**. So please check the expiry date on this. They will also need a valid European Health Card (EHIC) or UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Currently no vaccinations are required to visit France, but should this change we will obviously have to adhere to any requirements.

If your child would like to take part in the visit then we need payment of the **non-refundable** deposit of **£75** by **9am on 17th April 2024** (this is to ensure we get an early-booking discount of £10 per person). If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding then you still need to pay **£75** and this will be taken into account once your funding level is approved. Please contact Lizzie Robey or Claire Revans at the school to discuss the Pupil Premium support available. PP students whose funding is due to cease within the next 12 months need to be aware that contributions to trips and visits may be amended in line with the change in circumstances.

You can make payment via Parent Pay where consent is given as part of the process so no reply slip is required. If you need to pay by cash or cheque please request a barcode from [pri-finance@pri.318education.co.uk](mailto:finance@pri.318education.co.uk). This can be taken to any PayPoint outlet. Payment can take up to 48 hours to show on Parent Pay.

Where a residential trip is oversubscribed (when more students apply than there are places available) the school will make every effort to increase the numbers of students who are able to go on that trip. If we are not able to offer a place on a trip to all students that have applied then a selection process will then take place. Any child in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will automatically be offered a place on a trip as per our school's Pupil Premium strategy (<https://priory.tpstrust.co.uk/parents/pupil-premium/>). Any students that have missed out on a place on a previously oversubscribed residential trip will then be offered a place. All other students will be randomly sorted into an ordered list by the Trip Leader with a witness present using an appropriate computer program. This list will not be published but it will be used to determine which students are offered places on a trip and the priority order of those students on the reserve list. Siblings will be entered into this process as individual students which may therefore result in one sibling gaining a place and another not. Students not gaining a place on this trip will be added to a waiting list and have the deposit refunded and will be given priority on the next residential trip they apply for.

Where students are required to share a room with other students this will be assigned by the trip leader. Once rooms have been allocated they can't be changed.

Payment deadlines must be kept to. Failure to meet a payment deadline may result in your child losing their place on the trip or visit. If your child's name is selected for the trip you will be sent a schedule of payment dates and other documents.

Due to the great importance of trust and co-operation involved in such a visit, it must be recognised that excellent behaviour and co-operation will be expected at all times, so that all students enjoy a safe and rewarding visit, and do not jeopardise their opportunity to partake in future school visits. Any student whose behaviour is poor in and around school or who has been recently excluded may be denied permission to attend the visit at the Headteacher's discretion.

Students sent home because their behaviour is so poor that it puts the safety of other students at risk or it brings the school into disrepute may not be allowed on any future visits. The school will not tolerate behaviour which endangers others or damages the reputation of the school. If you find any of the above not acceptable to you and your child/children then we please ask that you do not apply to be part of this trip.

This is a very exciting opportunity but there is no requirement for students to take part; we recognise that it is a significant financial commitment. Please get in touch with me at school if you have any questions at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Talbot
French Visit Organiser