

3 February 2025

# Dear Parent

(Ref: 012/25)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for making regular payments towards our Paris trip 2025 and to remind you that the final payment is due this week on the **31st January**.

I am also pleased to share with you a more detailed itinerary of the trip:

### Day One: Monday 23 June

Depart school at 01.00. DVD and toilet facilities on board. DFDS ferry crossing to Calais with breakfast on board (09.10)

Arrival in Calais at 11.40 and onward journey to a small chocolate factory

Onward journey to Paris and arrival at our hotel (Hotel Parisis, 2 Avenue Jean)

Evening meal at our accommodation.

### Day Two: Tuesday 24 June

Breakfast at 08.30 and departure for Versailles at 09.30 for a work study at the market (place du Marché Notre Dame).

After lunch, there will be a visit to the Château of Versailles and the grounds at 13.30.

Evening meal at Creperie Les Deux Portes in Versailles and transfer to Paris for an evening ascent to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. There will be a short tour of Paris by night, visiting the main areas for the pupils to see the lights and enjoy the atmosphere.

### Day Three: Wednesday 25 June

Breakfast followed by a transfer at 09.00 to Asterix Park for a day visit.

Return to the hotel at 19.00 and evening meal at McDonalds Villeparisis.

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## Day Four: Thursday 26 June

Breakfast and visit to the Sacré Coeur. An afternoon tour of the Orangerie and a talk on the Impressionist painter Monet.

Evening meal near the Arc de Triomphe and Evening cruise along the Seine in a Bateau Mouche viewing several famous monuments, including Notre Dame.

## Day Five: Friday 27 June

Breakfast and departure for Vimy Ridge - the site of a First World War battlefield, pupils will visit underground tunnels, trenches and No Mans Land.

Departure for Dunkirk, arriving 14.00 and picnic lunch. Ferry from Dunkirk at 16.00 arriving Dover 17.00 with evening meal on board and arrival back at school 23.00.

Included in the cost of the trip:

· Paris permits.

 $\cdot$  All meals in France starting evening Day One and ending lunch Day Five including meals on the ferry.

· All entrance fees.

In line with the College's Trips Policy, if you have made a commitment to the trip and do not meet the payment schedule, then your son/daughter will be withdrawn from the trip unless, after discussion with the parent/guardian, the College accepts that there are extenuating circumstances. In which case, the College may agree to an alternative payment plan.

I would also like to remind you that the opportunity to go on an educational visit is dependent on good behaviour in school. A pupil will not be allowed to go on the trip if, during the previous twelve months, they have:

- been suspended or excluded from school
- been repeatedly excluded internally (isolated) for serious misconduct
- been involved in serious misconduct on previous school trips or visits
  - been placed on Behaviour monitoring by a Head of Year or Assistant
    Principal
  - received a disproportionate number of negative points or demonstrated a poor attitude to learning attendance which is lower than 95% (without good reason)

Your child will require a valid passport. Your child's passport must be valid for at least 3 months after the planned return date (27 June 2024) from France. Please

check both the issue date and expiry date of your child's passport. If you renewed the passport early, extra months may have been added to its expiry date.

If you have a UK Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for your child, it will be valid until the expiry date shown. Once it expires you will need to apply for a UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). <u>https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card</u>

Original passports and EHIC/GHIC cards will be requested by the College closer to the date of travel.

A copy of your child's medical information will be taken on this trip. Please inform the College immediately if there have been any changes regarding your child's medical history or dietary requirements since you last completed a database form. If your son/daughter requires an inhaler or carries and EpiPen, please ensure that they bring it with them. Failure to do so may result in your child not participating on the trip.

If your son/daughter requires medication during the trip, this must be provided in the original bottle/container, clearly labelled and contain enough medicine for the duration of the visit plus an additional 48 hours in case of delays. If your son/daughter uses an inhaler, he/she should bring two, one to keep on his/her person and one to be given to the Group Leader at the start of the trip.

We are required by our insurers to remind you that the cost of non-accidental damage caused by any student/pupil whilst on the trip will be charged to the parents concerned.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours faithfully, Mrs C Talbot