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Dear Parent / Carer

PARIS TRIP 2020

Monday 13 – Friday 17 July 2020

The Buckingham School values the benefit that school trips can have on a student's wider cultural understanding. It is for this reason that we are planning a 5-day residential trip for GCSE French students to Paris, France. The trip will run from the morning of Monday 13 July and returning on the evening of Friday 17 July 2020.

This trip is designed to support students' learning for their GCSE French course, enabling them to experience French culture and focus on using their linguistic skills in a variety of situations. This will also enhance and supplement their education in terms of their moral, cultural and social development.

The price of the proposed trip is £510.00. Please note that this price is based on 44 students and therefore could increase if fewer students apply for a place. If your child would like to go, please complete both the Medical Consent form (EV9) and Parental Agreement (attached) and return them to the Payment Box, during break or lunch time only, by Friday 22 November 2019. Once all forms are in, if we have more interest than places available, allocation will be made by random selection of unidentifiable entries to ensure fairness. We are required to strictly monitor our numbers and gender split in order that we do not incur supplementary costs with regard to under occupancy of rooms.

If your child gains a place on the trip, you will be notified and a payment item will then be generated in ParentMail. An initial deposit amount of £100 will need to be paid by Friday 29 November 2019 in order to secure their place. The remaining balance will then need to be paid, also via ParentMail, according to the schedule set out below. Should you have any issues accessing this site, please email Mrs Newall on gnewall@buckinghamschool.org.

The cost of the trip will include:

- Return Ferry crossing and Executive Coach travel – Executive Coach supplied for our own personal use over the 5 days
- 4 nights half board (continental breakfast) in 3* Hotel accommodation in Paris
- Day 1: Evening meal en-route at Flunch in Compiègne; 2 courses including a soft drink
- Day 2: Packed lunch then evening meal at Monte Carlo restaurant, L'Arc de Triomphe 2 courses, soft drink included

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- Day 3: Packed lunch then evening meal at the Hardrock Café, Paris
- Day 4: Lunch and evening meal at Disneyland Paris
- Day 5: Packed lunch provided for journey home
- Disneyland tickets with Fastpass to avoid the queues
- Entrance to Tour Montparnasse, amazing views from Paris' tallest skyscraper
- Boat Cruise on the Seine
- Paris 2020 Trip Hoodie

Other cultural landmarks we will be experiencing are:

- Versailles
- the Louvre
- the Eiffel Tower
- Walking up the Champs Elysées
- A stroll around the artistic quarter at Montmartre
- Sacré Coeur.

It is understood that by paying the £100 deposit, all conditions of the booking, as laid out in the attached Parent Agreement, are accepted and one such condition is that deposits are non-refundable, under any circumstances, once your child's place has been confirmed.

All students are required to have their own valid and up-to-date passport with at least 6 months still in date on the date of departure together with European Health Insurance Card. They will also need to bring a packed lunch for the outward journey as well as spending money to purchase any snacks and drinks for the duration.

I shall write to you again in due course to inform you of a date for a pre-departure meeting where the finer details and itinerary of the trip will be discussed.

Below is the payment schedule and should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Payment due by:

29 th November 2019	£100	Deposit to secure a place
31 st December 2019	£100	
31 st January 2020	£100	
28 th February 2020	£100	
31 st March 2020	£110	Final Balance

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sarah Hatton
 Subject Leader French & Trip Leader
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