



2nd October 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Paris Trip 2024 Tuesday 16th – Saturday 20th July 2024

The Buckingham School values the benefit that school trips can have on students' wider cultural understanding. It is for this reason that I am planning a 4-day residential trip for students in Years 9 and 10 to Paris, France. The trip will run from the afternoon of Tuesday 16th – the afternoon of Saturday 20th July 2024.

This trip is designed to enrich students' learning, enabling them to experience French culture and give opportunities to use 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 tour is £670.00 (this may increase if the trip is not full) which will include:

- Return Ferry crossing and Executive Coach travel – Executive Coach supplied for our own personal use over the 4 days
- 3 nights half board (continental breakfast) in B&B Disney Hotel
- Day 1: Evening meal en-route on the ferry
- Day 2: Packed lunch then evening meal at our hotel, 2 courses, soft drink included
- Day 3: Packed lunch then evening meal at the Hardrock Café, Paris
- Day 4: Lunch and evening meal at Disneyland Paris
- Day 5: Breakfast voucher for the ferry
- Disneyland tickets with Fastpass to avoid the queues
- Entrance to Tour Montparnasse, amazing views from Paris' tallest skyscraper
- Boat Cruise on the Seine

Other cultural landmarks we will be experiencing are; the palace and gardens of Versailles, Notre Dame cathedral, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, stroll up the Champs Elysées.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the coach journey on Tuesday 16th July, as well as spending money to purchase any snacks and drinks for the duration of the trip.

We have only 44 student places available. Students who are studying GCSE French in Year 10 will be given priority. The only exception to this is if a student has a consistently low attitude to learning score (3 or 4).

The school will make a booking with the Tour Operator on behalf of those students wishing to go on the trip. It is understood that all conditions of the booking are accepted and one such condition is that deposits are non-refundable once your child's place has been confirmed and deposits have been forwarded to the Tour Operator. 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.

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.

If you would like your child to be considered for this wonderful opportunity, please click on the link below and complete the Expression of Interest form by Monday 9th October 9am.

<https://forms.gle/MCsTvBwGvkkAVWVA9>

If your child is successful on gaining a place on this trip, you will be informed in writing and a holding deposit of £70 will need to be paid via ParentMail by 17th October 2023. At this same time, you will be also be asked to sign and return a Parental Agreement and a Medical Questionnaire. The Medical Questionnaire will be emailed to you directly and will come from a company called Evolve; please be aware this may go to your spam folder, however, if you have not received it by 20th October 2023, please email smerritt@buckinghamschool.org to request for this to be re-sent to you.

Below is the payment schedule:

Payment due by:

17 th October 2023	£70 deposit to secure a place
31 st October 2023	£100
30 th November 2023	£100
31 st December 2023	£100
31 st January 2024	£100
29 th February 2024	£100
31 st March 2024	£100 Final Balance

Once your child's place is confirmed and deposit paid, I will write to you in the New Year to inform you of a date for a pre-departure meeting, where the finer details and itinerary of the trip will be discussed.

In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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