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BW/kw/Paris Trip November 2024 10th June 2024

Bonjour Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

MFL Christmas trip to Paris – 21^{st} – 24^{th} November 2024 GCSE students currently in N10 and Year 10

The MFL department is very excited to be writing to you, in order to offer your child a place on our winter trip to Paris, for our Key Stage 4 students. This will be the third time that we run this trip - it all went very well over the last two occasions and was incredibly well-received by our previous participants. We'd like to offer this trip again, so that our Key Stage 4 students can experience a wonderful multi-centre trip to France.

Despite a further rise in costs, we have worked hard to obtain the best value cost for the trip, and this has been priced at **£495** for a 3-night stay in Paris, with lots of activities and experiences. Breakfast is included each morning, we have packed lunches for our daytime visits (students can buy different food if they would like to, at their own cost) and we have an evening meal on the first evening and the third evening - a meal at a wonderful restaurant near to the **Arc de Triomphe**. During the visit to **Disneyland Paris** and, due to the nature of the day, we suggest that students seek out their own food and drink – there are a range of outlets at different prices in the parks and in the Disney Village.

We do hope that you are able to consider sending you child on this visit to Paris and have tried to include a wide range of activities during the visit, so that our students get the best possible experience. We are positive that this will be a fantastic cultural experience for our students and hope to see as many students enjoying their time in France as possible.

We anticipate high demand for this trip and are aiming to take a maximum of **50** pupils.

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What is included in the price?

- **4-day and 3-night stay** in a small, student-friendly hotel in Paris our rooms are all located in a dedicated area for our school
- Executive coach travel Departs on Thursday 21st November and returns on Sunday 24th November.
- A wide range of exciting visits and experiences visits to the Arras Christmas Markets, a full day in Disneyland Paris and the Studios, a morning visit to the Sacré Coeur and Montmartre area of Paris, a boat ride down the River Seine to take in the sights, an afternoon/evening trip up the Eiffel Tower (with wonderful views of the Parisian skyline) and some time to soak up the sights of Paris. We will also be doing some shopping in a variety of locations.
- An exposure to French culture and everyday life
- Opportunities for French speaking and listening practice
- Travel insurance
- Return Ferry crossing with a **£10 voucher** for food included on both ferry journeys
- Full supervision throughout our stay (with short periods of free time with staff on hand) with experienced staff

To secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, a completed permission slip should be handed in by **Friday 21st June** to the PIP (addressed to Mr Weaver), at the latest. Please note that as places are limited, **a fair and random selection process** will take place, should we receive greater interest in the trip.

After confirmation of a place on the trip, we ask you to pay a *non-refundable deposit* of **£75** (via ParentPay) by **Friday 28th June 2024.**

The balance is to be paid by **Monday 21st October 2024**. You can pay the balance in as many or as few transactions as you need.

If successful on obtaining a space, your son/daughter will also require a current passport and GHIC.

The trip is being booked through **Connect Studies**, an experienced and well-recommended travel company which was set up, and is run, by an ex-MFL teacher. It will be our second time using Connect Studies – It was a refreshing change to work with a smaller, more bespoke-trip led company.

Thank you very much for your interest. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Merci beaucoup,

Monsieur Weaver Teacher of French and Spanish / Head of Year 8

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Pupil's name	Form
I wish to book a space on this trip for my child	
Name	Signature
Please return this completed slip by Friday 21st June 2024 to the PIP FAO Mr Weaver.	

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