

20 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Language Trip to Paris Tuesday 4 – Friday 7 July 2023

The Language Department is delighted to be able to offer 45 of our language students the opportunity to visit Paris in July 2023. Although the visit is not essential to the GCSE course, it will support your son/daughter by giving them the opportunity to develop and improve their language skills, as well as gaining an insight into modern day life in the French capital.

The trip has been booked with NST, who have run many of our residential trips in the past and we have always been impressed with their high standards and the excellent provision they offer our students.

The trip will leave Kings on the morning of Tuesday 4 July 2023 and return on the evening of Friday 7 July 2023, exact times to be confirmed. The total cost of this trip will be £598, which includes:

- all travel to Paris and back to Kings on a coach via the Eurotunnel
- half board accommodation in a hotel on the outskirts of Paris
- a day at Disneyland Paris
- a tour of the Stade de France
- a boat cruise on the River Seine in central Paris
- a two-course evening meal in an authentic French restaurant
- a self-guided visit to one of Paris' museums

Not included:

- Pocket money
- Meals en route

Students will need their own passports to travel.

All that is required initially is the deposit of £100.00, which is non-refundable on gaining a place on the trip. The trip will open on ParentPay at 12pm on Friday 21 October 2022 and the deadline for the initial deposit is Monday 7 November 2022. Should the trip be oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The remaining payments can be spread out between now and when the final payment must be paid to the NST. If you are unable to pay online, you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. A full medical form will be required prior to departure and will be issued nearer the time. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

The suggested payment schedule for the deposit and remaining balance is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Monday 7 November 2022 Deposit	£100	
Monday 5 December 2022	£100	
Monday 30 January 2023	£200	
Friday 10 March 2023	£198	£598

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you chose to use the payment plan or not, it is essential all the above deadlines are met in order to secure a place on the trip.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel. The date and time of the meeting will be circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure. The date and time will be confirmed nearer the time.

If you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or office@kovessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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