

18 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Paris Trip 2025 - Sunday 13 July to Thursday 17 July 2025

The International Business and Enterprise Department is delighted to be able to offer 48 Year 10 Language students the opportunity to visit Paris in July 2025. The trip will leave on Sunday 13 July 2025 and return on Thursday 17 July 2025. The total cost of the trip is £595.

The itinerary is as follows:

Day One

Depart school early morning. DFDS **ferry crossing** Dover to Calais with lunch on board (not included). Early evening arrival at our accommodation in Villeparisis where we will have an **Evening meal (included)**.

Day Two

Breakfast (included) and **French lesson** before departing for **Versailles** for a work study at the market and role play exercises. Lunch (included) followed by a visit to the **Château of Versailles**, the infamous palace of the French royal family, and the grounds. **Supper** (included) at Creperie Les Deux Portes in Versailles – or similar. Transfer to Paris for an evening **Tour of Montparnasse**. **Scenic route** back to hotel on coach to see some sights.

Day Three

Breakfast (included) and departure at 10.00am for tour of the **Stade de France**. **Packed lunch** (included) followed by an afternoon tour of the **Orangerie** or the **Musée D’Orsay** – world famous art galleries in the centre of Paris. Onwards to a visit at **Les Invalides** – the site of the Tomb of Napoleon followed by **supper** at Monte Carlo Restaurant (included), near the **Arc de Triomphe**. We will be able to spend time at the foot of this monument gaining a fantastic view of the **Champs Elysées**, the longest avenue in the world. We will end the day with an evening visit to the **Eiffel Tower**. Pupils will have the opportunity to ascend to the second floor on foot with the option to buy further tickets for the top floor. Return to our hotel at approximately 10.00pm.

Day Four

Breakfast (included) and transfer at 9.15am to **Asterix Park Paris** for a day visit until 5.00pm. Followed by **evening meal** (included) and cruise along the Seine in a **Bateau Mouche** viewing several famous monuments, including **Notre Dame**.

Day Five

After breakfast (included), we will start our journey, stopping at a **chocolaterie** en route. Return ferry from Calais arriving in Dover and returning to school at approximately 10.00pm.

As you will see, all meals are included starting on the evening of Day one and ending with a packed lunch on Day five. All entrance fees are also included (except for the ascent to the third floor of the Eiffel Tower) and we will have the services of at least one Tour Director provided by our tour operator, Connect Studies, throughout the visit, who will travel with the group, lead excursions, provide lessons and activities and organise meals.

Please ensure your child has a valid passport as we will require a copy prior to the trip

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. 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. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. A full medical form and Code of Conduct will be required prior to departure which will be issued nearer the time. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

All that is required initially is the deposit of £200, which is non-refundable on gaining a place on the trip. **The trip will open on ParentPay at 8.00am on Tuesday 24 September 2024** and the deadline for the initial deposit is Friday 27 September 2024. If the trip is 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 Tour Operator.

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

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Friday 27 September (Deposit)	£200	
Friday 31 January 2025	£200	
Friday 7 March 2025	£195	£595

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.

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities.
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

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

Yours sincerely

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