

6 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the following overseas trip:

Cultural and linguistic trip to Paris – Sunday 16 February 2020 – Wednesday 19 February 2020. This trip is open to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. In the event that the trip is oversubscribed, priority will be given to those who are studying French.

This exciting opportunity includes the following in the price:

- Return travel from school (coach and ferry/Eurotunnel)
- A full daily programme of excursions to include:
 - a tour of the Louvre Museum (home of the Mona Lisa painting, amongst many other celebrated works)
 - a guided tour of the Stade de France
 - a tour of Paris by night – see the famous Eiffel Tower and other monuments lit up at night time
 - a chance to see the Sacré Coeur and the arts area of Montmartre
 - a day in the Euro Disney theme park
 - a chance to make (and eat!) your own crêpes
 - a chance to buy some presents and a croissant or five on the way home
- Full board and accommodation in specialist accommodation for school parties at the PGL Chateau de Grande Romaine
- Full comprehensive travel insurance

The total cost of the trip will be a **maximum** of £465 per student. You may notice that the price is slightly higher than previously advertised trips. This is because the cost is based on 20 students attending. As a department, we are passionate about allowing students to visit France and are aware of the disappointment of our students that previous trips have been cancelled due to lack of numbers. We are therefore delighted to offer you this opportunity, which reflects the commitment of the department to ensure that a French trip can run. The only additional cost will be pocket money, passport and meals en route. **The price will decrease, if we attract more than 20 students and parents will be notified if this is the case.**

The trip will be led by Mrs Hopkins in conjunction with PGL Travel Ltd, a first class tour operator with a solid reputation for organising school trips. They are backed by ABTA membership and are ATOL licensed ensuring that all payments made are fully insured.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please detach, complete and return the form below, together with an initial **deposit of £100 by 5 April 2019**. Please note that once deposits have been paid to PGL these are non-refundable and terms and conditions will apply. Your child will be given a payment card by the Finance Office (after the first deposit has been paid and the trip has been confirmed) which they must bring with them whenever a payment is made by cash or cheque.

Please pay the initial deposit by cash or cheque only. If your child is offered a place then subsequent instalments can be paid online or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone).

Please complete the reply slip and hand in to the school Finance Office by 5 April 2019. All cheques must be payable to 'The Castle School'.

Yours sincerely

L Hopkins (Party Leader – Teacher of French and German)

Payment schedule:

5 April 2019	- £100 (deposit)
7 May 2019	- £100
5 July 2019	- £100
6 September 2019	- £100
7 November 2019	- £65

2020 - Cultural / Linguistic Trip to Paris – Years 7, 8 and 9 – Priority given to students studying French

Name of student Form Group

I am currently receiving Free School Meals

I enclose a cash/cheque for £100 (made payable to The Castle School).

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date