

Dear Parent/Carer

11 January 2023

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 – Friday 29 March -Tuesday 1 April 2024.** This trip is open to all current students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. You do not have to be studying French, but a willingness to participate in all activities with a language element is essential. 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)
- Full board whilst at the PGL centre
- A full daily programme of excursions to include:
  - A day in the Euro Disney theme park – one park ticket.
  - River cruise down the river Seine to spot all of the key monuments in Paris.
  - Ascent of Tour Montparnasse – get a 360 degree view of Paris from up high – perfect for taking pictures of the Eiffel Tower and a chance to learn lots about the history of Paris using the interactive screens around the tower.
  - A guided tour of the famous Stade de France (the renowned football stadium where national and international matches take place).
  - A chance to see the Sacré Coeur and the beautiful arts area of Montmartre.
  - Prep, buy, create! Plan a French lunch – including all of the French words needed to buy the ingredients, go to a market and buy the ingredients in French. Next, head back to the centre and enter the toughest of competitions to win the title of “Best Lunch”.
  - A chance to make (and eat!) your own crêpes.
  - Shopping in a hypermarché – learn more about France by trying to find all the products on Madame Hopkins’ French shopping list. (And if you want to, an opportunity to buy some souvenirs to take home with you).
- Full board and accommodation in specialist accommodation for school parties at the PGL Chateau de Grande Romaine
- Full comprehensive travel insurance.
- There will be lots of opportunities to use your French on this trip and you will be provided with a booklet which will enable you to learn some interesting facts about the places that we will visit.

The total cost of the trip is estimated to be £520, based on 35 students going. The only additional cost will be pocket money for buying souvenirs and meals en route to and from France (a mix of Euros and English pounds). We are awaiting some venues to finalise their entrance prices so this

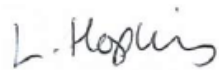
price is subject to a small change. I will confirm a final price as soon as PGL can give this to me (estimated confirmation is April 2023).

The trip will be led by Mrs Hopkins in conjunction with PGL Travel Ltd, a first-class 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. The school used this PGL centre for the 2020 and 2022 trips and is therefore familiar with the offer.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please complete the permission slip attached and return to the Finance Office by the end of school on **Friday 20 January**. After the Friday deadline, if we have more than 35 students for the trip then student names will be placed in a ballot. You will then receive confirmation of your child's place on Tuesday 24 January. Once confirmed you will be required to pay a **deposit of £100** per person by **Wednesday 1 February** to secure your child's place on the trip. It is important that this deadline is met so that transport and accommodation can be booked and any price increases will be avoided. Please pay either via Scopay, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone). If you are currently receiving free school meals please tick the box on the attached form as funds are available to cover the cost of the trip.

Please note that once deposits have been paid to PGL these are non-refundable and terms and conditions will apply.

Yours sincerely



L Hopkins (Second in Modern Languages Faculty)

**Payment schedule:**

1 February 2023 - £100

1 April 2023 - £100

1 June 2023 - £100

1 September 2023 - £100

1 November 2023 - Remaining balance (TBC)

**2024 - Cultural/Linguistic Trip to Paris – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – Priority given to students studying French**

I give permission for my son/daughter ..... Form group .....

to take part in the trip to Paris from Friday 29 March to Tuesday 1 April 2024.

I am currently receiving Free School Meals ☐

Printed name.....Signed..... Date.....

Parent/Carer - Email Address.....

Parent/Carer - Mobile number..... Home.....