

22 May 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in **Cultural and Linguistic trip to Paris Friday 3rd April – Tuesday 7th April 2026**. 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 and accommodation in specialist accommodation for school parties at the PGL Chateau de Grande Romaine
- A full daily programme of excursions to include:
 - A day in the Euro Disney theme park – one park ticket.
 - Cruise down the Seine River 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 at a market. 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 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 £693, based on 40 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 be able to confirm the final price with PGL around January 2026.

The trip will be planned and organised by Mrs Hopkins, and Mr Collings will lead the trip 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.

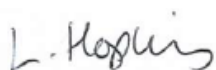
If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please detach, complete and return the **consent slip** below, together with an initial **deposit of £200 to the Finance Office by Monday 16 June 2025**. You can pay via the school's online payment system MCAS or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone). Please note that once deposits have been paid to PGL these are non-refundable, and terms and conditions will apply.

Payment schedule is available on MCAS and will be as follows:

16 June 2025 - £200 deposit
31 July 2025 – £82.16 instalment 1
31 August 2025 – £82.16 instalment 2
30 September 2025 – £82.16 instalment 3
31 October 2025 – £82.16 instalment 4
30 November 2025 – £82.16 instalment 5
31 December 2025 – £82.20 instalment 6

Please complete the reply slip and hand in to the school Finance Office by Monday 16th June 2025.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Hopkins
MFL Teacher
The Castle School

2026 - Cultural / Linguistic Trip to Paris – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – Priority given to students studying French

Name of student Form Group

I am currently receiving Free School Meals ☐

I enclose a deposit of £200 / I have paid online / by credit / debit card* (*Please delete as applicable)

Parent/Guardian's name Sign.....Date.....