

24 March 2021

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 – Friday 8 April -Tuesday 12 April 2022. This trip is open to all current students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. You do not have to be studying French but priority will be given to those students who are. A willingness to participate in all activities with a language element is essential. Those who have been on the 2020 trip may be interested to note that the 2022 trip itinerary has been extended by one extra day and there will be many different activities which were not included on the 2020 trip. 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 will be £485 per student, 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).

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 trip and is therefore familiar with the offer.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please detach, complete and return the form below, together with an initial **cash or cheque deposit of £100 by 4 May 2021**. 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.

Instalments can be paid via the school's online payment system 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 4 May 2021. All cheques must be payable to 'The Castle School'.

Yours sincerely

L Hopkins (Second in Modern Languages Faculty)

Payment schedule:

4 May 2021	- £100 (deposit)
7 June 2021	- £100
12 July 2021	- £100
4 October 2021	- £100
8 November 2021	- £85

2022 - 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

My son/daughter is currently studying French

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

*Please delete as applicable

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date