

16th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Languages Faculty: Trip to Paris, France: October 1st – October 4th 2024

I am writing with news of an exciting trip to Paris that we are now in a position to open to Year 9 students who are taking French, Art and History as one or more of their options. It is worth noting that they will be in Year 11 when the trip takes place, which is perfect for brushing up their French in time for the mock exams.

The trip will be a four day/three night trip to Paris on the above dates and will be organised by NST, a reputable school travel company (their website is www.nstgroup.co.uk) that the school has used very successfully many times in the past.

The trip will include visits to:

- **two art galleries, the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay**
- **a river boat tour on the Seine**
- **a guided visit of a perfumery, Fragonard Perfumerie**
- **the artists' paradise of Montmartre,**
- **a guided tour of Stade de France, France's national football and rugby union stadium**
- **Palace of Versailles – a world heritage site and home to the 1919 Versailles Treaty**
- **Parc Astérix, France's second largest theme park**

Students will be encouraged to use their French as much as possible, and we will have language activities to complete whilst on our visit.

The approximate cost for accommodation, excursions, full-board, coach and ferry travel is £586. Please be aware that individual passports (with 6 months on them) and GHIC medical cards will be required, and would need to be organised as soon as possible, once the trip was confirmed.

Next steps: to book your child's place on the trip please complete both of the following by **Friday 30th June:**

1. Complete the Google form on the link below.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HT7Eps6BGQx1pQu-ygte4vL-sayYRM58pbKkLP9ifeA/edit>
[The link works best in Google Chrome or else copy and paste directly into your browser.]
2. Pay the deposit on Parentpay of £100.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or is a Child Looked After, the school will make a contribution of up to £150 towards this trip, though this does NOT include the deposit. Please contact me directly for details via lrobb@gvsc.org.uk

We have just 36 places available for Year 9 students for this trip, having already allocated 22 for Year 8 students. If the allocation for Year 9 is oversubscribed, then the Senior Leadership Team will draw names at random after the deposit deadline. If your child is not successful in gaining a place, then your deposit will be refunded. Similarly, if there are not sufficient numbers of students for the trip to go ahead, all deposits will be returned. However, once it has been confirmed that your child has a place on the trip, **the deposit will be non-refundable.**

Parents and carers should also be aware that behaviour leading up to the trip will be reviewed and poor behaviour may lead to students being withdrawn from the trip at any time. If this is the case, we will be unable to offer a refund of any monies paid. Nor will refunds be given in any instance of change of circumstances or if students simply change their minds. I would be grateful if you would discuss both of these scenarios with your child before signing up to the trip.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Robb', written over a thin horizontal line.

Ms L Robb
Teacher of MFL