



17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Weekend Break to Paris and Disneyland, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

<https://forms.office.com/e/haxq8TUjAQ>

The Modern Foreign Languages department is planning to offer a 3-night visit to Paris including a trip to Disneyland on the weekend beginning Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, the first weekend of May Half-Term.

**The visit is offered to students who will be in Year 8 at the time of departure. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to experience Paris. If the visit is oversubscribed, we will allocate students to the visit by considering their behaviour and attendance, other visits they've been on and then at random thereafter.**

Our base for the 3 nights is the Chateau Grande Romaine to the east of Paris. The Chateau is owned and run by PGL and is in its own grounds. It provides en-suite accommodation in rooms sleeping 4 or 6 students.

The itinerary will be roughly as follows:

- Leave Maidenhill early on Friday morning. Travel to France by coach via Dover-Calais ferry.
- Arrive at the Chateau in time for evening meal on Friday. Evening activities will be provided at the centre.
- On Saturday, we will visit Paris by coach. We plan to see the main sights by coach, stopping off to visit the Eiffel Tower and then allowing students to do some shopping. We will also take a boat trip on the River Seine.
- On Sunday, we will spend the whole day at Disneyland Paris.
- On Monday, we return home, arriving back at Maidenhill late in the evening.

The cost of the trip will be **£600**. This includes transport, all activities, full board, and insurance. The initial deposit of £75 will be due by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** and subsequent payments as follows:

Deposit payment due by Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	£75
Payment due by Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	£85
Payment due by Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	£140
Payment due by Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	£140
Payment due by Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	£160

### **Passports and Visas**

To participate in the visit, students must also have a full passport valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel (i.e., the passport must still be valid at end of November 2025).

If they do not already have a passport, then it will be your responsibility to apply. A child passport currently costs £53.50 online/£64 with a paper form from the Post Office, but you must allow 10 weeks for your application to be processed.

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The school will need to have confirmation/a copy of your child's passport or your application by no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (sooner if possible).

Please also make sure that your child has a valid and in date UK EHIC/ GHIC card. If they do not, then you will need to apply for one through the following website: <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start> this is a free service but please leave plenty of time for delivery of the card.

### **Behaviour and attendance**

As you are aware, we have high expectations regarding students' behaviour, attitude to learning, attendance and punctuality. A place on a visit organised by school is a privilege and students and their parents need to understand that if a student makes poor choices regarding behaviour/attitude, or if their attendance is poor without good reason, they may not be allocated a place. **In addition, should the school have concerns about any of the above prior to the visit taking place, their place may be withdrawn.** If a student's place were to be withdrawn, there would be no reimbursement of any payments made.

Unfortunately, the number of places is limited. To reserve a place, the Microsoft Office Form needs to be completed by **3pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.** This link to complete this is at the top of the letter, or you can use the QR code below. **Please do not make any payment at this stage.** If we can allocate a place to your child, we will contact you. At that point, a non-refundable deposit of **£75** will be due by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at the latest. Failure to pay by the deadline will result in the place being lost.

When you have received confirmation of your child's place, you will be able to make payments online at: [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). If you require help with your login, please contact the finance office. Please note that we no longer accept money paid by cash or cheque. If you wish to pay by PayPoint please contact the finance office for your bar code and to be able to provide full consent. If you require financial assistance for this visit, please contact the Headteacher.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on: [lfowke@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lfowke@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk) or via our main reception.

Yours sincerely,

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