



Y10 French Language Study Trip to Northern France Fri 9th – Mon 12th February 2024

11th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in an exciting year 10 trip to the Opal Coast in Northern France.

This trip is designed specifically to improve students' confidence when listening to and speaking French.

We will be staying at Moulin aux Draps school centre, a centre which is staffed by a team of native French activity coordinators. The centre provides great accommodation as well as the opportunity to take part in activities that are conducted fully in French. In addition, we will be visiting local towns, markets and attractions where students can practise their French in real contexts as well as develop their understanding of French culture. We also hope to visit a local French school where students can meet and speak to French students.

The proposed dates for the trip are **Friday 9th February to Monday 12th February 2024** inclusive and we anticipate the cost being in the region of **£475 - £500 per student**. This price may go up or down, depending on numbers of students, activities selected and exchange rates. These costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions.

To secure your son/daughter's place on this trip we require:

- Completed permission slip, submitted via Operoo (below) **by Friday 22nd September 23**
- A **non-refundable deposit of £150 by Friday 29th September 23**

Further payments will be due as follows:

- Interim instalment £175 due by 27th October 2023
- Final balance (approx. £175 TBC) due by 8th December 2023.

We do not want cost to be a barrier. We work closely with James Marshall foundation who can provide funding for students with a low family income, living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate. You can apply online for a funding grant by clicking here:

<https://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.html>

If you live outside of these areas and need funding for this trip, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office (finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk) no later than Friday 22nd September.

SEND Support for this trip

A member of the Learning Support Team will be present on this trip to support any student who has additional needs. If your child has additional needs and you are concerned about their attendance on this trip, then please get in touch with Mrs Hall at the earliest convenience. We are fully committed to ensuring that all of our students can participate in trips, regardless of their individual circumstances. Your child must have a passport, which must be less than 10 years old and valid for a minimum of 3 months beyond the dates of travel. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child has the correct documentation for travel. If you are in any doubt about the validity of your son/daughter's passport, please check here:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-for-travel-to-europe>. They will also need to have a valid EHIC or GHIC card. GHIC cards are issued free of charge. To apply, click here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Should your son/daughter withdraw from the trip after the deposit has been paid, please notify us in writing as you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred. The school reserves the right to withdraw students from the trip whose behavioural school record proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

We hope you are able to take advantage of this great opportunity. If you require any further information, please get in touch with the MFL department.

Kind regards,

Lara Robinson

Head of KS4 French