

1st December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Y8 Modern Foreign Languages Trips

Mon 24th June – Fri 28th June 2024

****Immediate Response required please****



We hope to be able to offer our MFL students the opportunity to go on a language intensive trip to either Paris in France or Rhineland in Germany this year. The two trips, which run concurrently, are open to Year 8 students enjoying their language studies and wanting to build their language skills whilst expanding their cultural horizons.

Both of these trips provide extensive language work and will expose students to another culture in an interesting, fun and exciting way. These trips consolidate the students' in-class learning through practical application and are a great opportunity to boost language confidence and motivation. However, we recognise that not all students will wish to attend.

Rhineland, Germany

Students will be encouraged to use German throughout their visit. Staying in a hotel on the banks of the river Rhein, we will be exploring small towns such as Boppard, as well as one of the oldest and most beautiful German cities, Koblenz, with its nearby castles. We have included many and varied opportunities for language work, including sightseeing, shop visits, a Rhine cruise and excursions to local attractions.

Paris, France

Students will be encouraged to speak French throughout their stay and complete a diary in the target language during supervised sessions. A French teacher will lead a variety of activities and visits of some of the main historical sights, in and around Paris. Student will be staying in a hotel on the outskirts of Paris and will have ample opportunity to use their French while experiencing the French culture around them during activities such as a boat trip on the Seine or whilst exploring Parc Asterix.

Trip Cost

Until we have a firm idea of numbers for each trip it is not possible to be precise about the total tour cost. However, we can indicate that costs are likely be **between £645 and £665** per student, depending on trip chosen and trip interest. This cost will include coach transport from school, full board accommodation (first meal dinner day 1; last meal lunch day 5), insurance (please note that personal items such as mobile phones, iPods and cameras are not covered on the school's insurance policy) and all excursions. In accordance with the Governors' charging policy, the cost of the trip must be met through voluntary contributions from parents/carers.

Entry Requirements

Passengers travelling to Europe must have a valid passport with a minimum of 3 months validity, beyond the travel dates. All passengers will also require a valid EHIC or GHIC card. Please click [here](#) to apply.

Securing a Place

To secure your son/daughter's place on this trip please submit your response below, indicating your chosen trip, no later than Friday 8th December. Places are limited to 50 students for each trip. On Monday 11th December, we will allocate numbers to all students who have responded and randomly pick 50 students for each trip. Those who are allocated a space, will then be added to the payment item on Parentpay and will be required to pay a **non-refundable deposit of £100, no later than Friday 15th December to secure the place.** If your chosen trip is full, your son/daughter will be placed on a waiting list. We have 50 places available on each trip.

The school would like to give all students the opportunity to take part in this trip and we do not wish for the cost of the trip to be a barrier. We work closely with the James Marshall Foundation, who offer funding support for young people based in Harpenden, Redbourn, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Flamstead and Markyate. You can apply for funding online at <https://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.html>. Alternatively, please email the finance office (finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk) in confidence as soon as possible, but in any event *by 8th December* to discuss the potential financial support available to you.

Following the non-refundable trip deposit payment, we will request three further instalments for pupils confirmed on these trips:

Interim Instalment 1: £200 by 31st Jan 24

Interim Instalment 2: £200 by 29th Feb 24

Final Balance: £TBC (approx. £145-£165) by 31st March 24

As the final price is dependent on the number of students interested in each trip option, we can only confirm the final cost of the trip your son/daughter has signed up for, after the closing date. We will write to you as soon as we know more. We apologise that the payment instalments are over a short period of time. If this causes an issue for you, please contact me in confidence.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place on an MFL trip but then decides to withdraw, you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred unless a replacement is

found. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behaviour at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

If you have any questions regarding these trips, please do not hesitate to contact me or the MFL department.

Kind regards

Miss C Manton

Residential Trips Coordinator

TRIP PERMISSION

**Y8 Modern Foreign Languages Trips
24th – 28th June 2024**

Trip interested in: Paris ☐ Rhineland ☐

To be returned to the Finance Office no later than Friday 8th December 2023

I would like my son/daughterForm:..... to attend the above residential trip.

I understand that once my place has been confirmed, my deposit is non-refundable unless the school can find a replacement and that any cancellation must be put in writing to the Finance Office. Furthermore, I understand that I will be liable for any cancellation charges should my son/daughter withdraw from the trip.

Name of Signatory: Relationship to student:

Signature:

Date.....