



The New Beacon

EX FUMO DARE LUCEM

8^h September 2023

Y7 FRENCH CULTURAL TRIP Paris

17th –20th June 2024

Dear Parents,

As part of the French curriculum, it is important that the boys have the opportunity both to experience first-hand the culture which they learn about in class, as well as to develop their understanding and use of the language in a real environment.

To this end, we will be taking the boys to visit some key cultural sites in and around Paris, as well as giving them the opportunity to spend a day at Disneyland Paris and shopping in a French hypermarket on the return journey.

This is a four-day trip, departing early on Monday 17th June, and returning in the evening of Thursday 20th June 2024.

VISITS/EXCURSIONS: Stade de France (Guided Tour), Disneyland Paris, City of Paris (including the Musée d'Orsay or Musée de l'Armée, *Bateau Mouche* boat trip on the Seine, Montmartre (Sacré-Cœur, Montmartre Cemetery), Eiffel Tower amongst others), Arras Town and Hypermarket.

OTHER DETAILS:

- Travel will be by coach and the Eurotunnel.
- The coach will remain with us throughout the trip.
- Accommodation will be at Campus Sainte Thérèse in the suburbs of Paris (purpose-built accommodation with extensive grounds including 3 hectares of forest, sports facilities including basketball, football, table tennis, fitness room and more).

COST:

The cost of the trip is £580 (based on 40 boys)

The cost includes executive coach travel, travel on the Eurotunnel, accommodation in a very good quality conference venue, breakfast and evening meal, all visits and activities, and insurance. For evening activities, there is a games room and outdoor area for ball games.

It does not include pocket money for souvenirs and lunches.

BOOKING:

1. If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please fill in the form and return it to me as soon as possible. The closing date is **Thursday 14th September 2023**.
2. Your form must be accompanied by a first, non-refundable, deposit of **£50**. This deposit must be paid by bank transfer (see booking form for further details).
3. Please note that your son's place on the trip is only secured once the deposit has been received.
4. The balance is due by instalments as detailed in the booking form.
5. If you prefer, you may pay the full amount in one payment.

PASSPORTS AND UK GLOBAL HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

Your son will need to have his **own, individual passport, valid for at least 6 months from the return date of our trip**. I would recommend that you obtain one at least three months prior if your son does not already have one. **If your son requires a visa to visit France, please ensure that you have applied for this in good time and advise Mr Ribbans-Opara accordingly.**

Your son will also need to have his own EHIC card or UK Global Health Insurance Card (UK GHIC). For EHIC, please check the date on it to ensure it is still valid. If you have an existing EHIC, it will remain valid until the expiry date on the card. If he does not have one, please order a UK GHIC in plenty of time. Applications can be made online.

[Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Mobile phones and other electronic devices are not permitted on the trip.

Based on many visits to Paris and France, this experience should be both eye-opening and enjoyable and one which is often long remembered. We hope you feel this trip will be of interest to your son. If your son is not keen to join the trip, there is no obligation to attend, and he will not be disadvantaged by not taking part.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Ribbans-Opara
Head of French

NOTES

SUPERVISION

In line with Kent guidelines, there will be one member of staff to ten boys on the trip. In certain areas (e.g. in the Shuttle terminal) boys will be allowed to go off in groups of four (minimum) within a small, restricted area, for a short period of time. At such times, all staff will be in the area concerned. Two members of staff will be 'on duty' in a strategic position (the meeting point), and the rest of the staff will patrol the area. The boys will all know the exact whereabouts of the duty staff, and will be given a specific time at which to meet up again.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The accompanying staff have many years of experience of taking school parties abroad and are familiar with this particular itinerary. A full risk assessment is in place for this trip.

Accompanying staff have had First Aid training.

We are using a reputable travel company, [School Study Trips \(selectschooltravel.com\)](http://selectschooltravel.com).

BOOKING FORM FOR THE FRENCH CULTURAL TRIP 2024

Please complete and return to Mr Ribbans-Opava (andrew.ribbon-opava@newbeacon.org.uk)
(closing date for receipt of forms and deposits: **Thursday 14th September 2023**)

Section 1. To be completed by the parent:

Son's name: Form:

I would like my son to take part in the French Cultural Trip, 17th – 20th June 2024.

I have transferred the deposit of £50./I have made payment in full of £580. (delete as applicable)

Where applicable, I agree to pay the balance in the following instalments:

£80, due by Friday 10th November 2023

£225, due by Monday 1st January 2024

£225, due by Friday 1st March 2024

I will arrange for my son to have his own **passport** (and **visa**, if applicable) for the trip, valid for at least six months from our return date of **20th June 2024**.

I will arrange for my son to have his own **EHIC/UK GHIC** card for the trip.
(Please ensure the date is still valid.)

Tick as appropriate:

I have paid an initial payment of **£50** by bank transfer. Please make the reference your son's surname followed by '**June 2024 Y7 Paris**'.

OR

I have made payment in full of **£580** by bank transfer. Please make the reference your son's surname followed by '**June 2024 Y7 Paris**'.

Bank details - Bank: NatWest
Branch: Sevenoaks
Branch address: 67, High Street, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1LA
Sort Code: 60-19-02
Account Number: 25830937
Account Name: Tonbridge School – New Beacon

Signed : Date:

Section 2. To be completed by the pupil:

I have read and understood the information in this letter.

I would like to take part in the trip.

I agree to behave responsibly and to abide by all the rules and instructions given by the teachers and any authorities on the trip. I understand that mobile phones and other electronic devices are not permitted on the trip.

Signed: Date: