

Our Ref: AGO/nky

16 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Proposed 3 night trip to Paris, France on Tuesday 17th July – Friday 20th July 2018

The MFL department at The Thomas Alleyne Academy is offering the chance for our students to attend a 4 day trip to France. This trip will allow your son/daughter to practise their French language skills whilst exploring the beauty of the capital of France.

Information about the trip

Date of trip: Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th July 2018

Times of travel: We will depart from school on Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 7.00am and return to school on Friday 20th July 2018 at approximately 9.00pm.

Accommodation: Central Paris at the Hotel Nouvel Opéra near Bastille. Students will be exploring various locations in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, Disneyland Paris, Sacré-Coeur, Notre Dame and a Seine River Cruise, where they will have an opportunity to broaden their cultural horizons. This will all be followed by dinner at the hotel or a local restaurant. There should also be opportunities in the daytime to eat at local crêperies.

Cost and Payments

The cost of the trip is £385 – This cost is all inclusive. Students will require a packed lunch for the journey there and a small amount of spending money for a return lunch.

Should you wish your son/daughter to participate in this opportunity, please complete the reply slip **expressing your interest by Monday 27th November 2017**. If your child receives a place on this trip, they will receive a confirmation letter. On receipt of the confirmation letter please make a **non-refundable deposit payment of £35.00** by Cash, Cheque or WisePAY to the Main reception.

We expect that this trip will be popular and in the interest of fairness, priority will be given to Year 10 French students and then all Year 8/Year 9 names will be entered into a ballot and chosen at random if oversubscribed. Places will not be secured on a first come, first served basis. Please be advised that the trip is limited to 45 students.

Although this trip is not a requirement of the KS3/4 curriculum, I would strongly recommend the educational value that can be gained from the trip.

At this stage, it is only necessary to return the attached reply slip expressing interest by Monday 27th November 2017.

Upon receipt of a confirmation slip, a £35.00 non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 1st December. This will then secure a confirmed place.

Instalment options

We suggest you opt for paying for the trip by instalments such as:

Friday 22nd December 2017 - £80

Wednesday 31st January 2018 - £80

Friday 2nd March 2018 - £90

Friday 11th May 2018 - £100

If you do not wish to pay by instalments then the deadline for the final payment of £350.00 (having previously paid the non-refundable deposit of £35) will be **Monday 14th May 2018**.

Once the first instalment has been paid, there will be no refunds for the trip.

Essential Student Requirements:

- A Valid passport
- Passport sized photo
- EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
- Overnight bag (details to follow)
- Spending money

Methods of application for EHIC:

Apply online to www.dh.gov.uk/travellers

Or call EHIC application line on 0845 606 2030

Behaviour:

We are proud of our excellent record of exemplary behaviour on trips and visits. Students will be representing our Academy and we expect all to behave and act responsibly. If staff have any concerns about your child's conduct, their place on the visit will be reviewed.

We believe that this is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain an in depth understanding of the French language, culture and beauty.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Gitto

Mr Islam

Teacher of French

Head of Year 11

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Reply slip – Proposed trip to Paris, France on Tuesday 17th July to Friday 20th July 2018

Please complete and return to Mrs Kirkby in Main Reception

Student name: Form:

I would like to express an interest in my son/daughter attending the above trip. I understand that if the trip is oversubscribed that students will be selected at random.

I confirm that my child will adhere to The Academy's behaviour expectations for trips and visits.

Signed: Parent/Carer

Date: