ASHLYNS SCHOOL



September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Trip to Paris 2025: Expression of Interest

We are excited to offer students the opportunity to visit Paris from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 March 2025, with a range of enriching day excursions. This trip will allow students to immerse themselves in French culture, whilst enhancing their conversational and listening skills in real-world settings.

The trip will begin on Friday morning at Berkhamsted train station, where we will gather and travel together to London to board the Eurostar to Paris. Our accommodation will be at the BVJ Opéra Montmartre Youth Hostel, a charming and historically significant establishment located in the heart of the Nouvelle Athènes neighbourhood. Despite being a youth hostel, it resembles a boutique hotel and offers a unique Parisian experience. The hostel is near cultural landmarks, such as the Musée Gustave Moreau and Eglise de la Trinité, with a rich history dating back to the 18th century.

Throughout the trip, students will participate in several excursions each day to museums, landmarks, and key areas of the city, all directly connected to their A Level topics of study. We are fortunate to have two native Parisian teachers accompanying and guiding the students, providing them with authentic insights into the city.

Each morning, students will enjoy breakfast at the hostel, while lunch and dinner will be at a variety of pre-selected restaurants and bistros. The trip cost will cover all meals and visits, so students will only need to bring extra money for personal purchases.

The estimated cost for the trip is between £400 and £500 per student. At this stage we are establishing how many students will be interested in taking part. Please complete an online form **here** by **Monday 23 September**, to advise us if your child would or would not be interested in attending. Please be aware, if the trip goes ahead, a non-refundable, initial deposit of £100 will be due by 30 September. The balance will need to be paid in installments from October 2024; a payment schedule will be provided in due course..

Please be reminded that in accordance with school policy, all trips and activities outside the standard curriculum must be self-funding.

We look forward to your interest in this exciting educational experience.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Manns Head of Modern Foreign Languages