



September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Trip to Château de Grande Romaine 2025: Expression of Interest

We are pleased to be able to offer students an opportunity to visit Paris and the surrounding area with some exciting day excursions; the trip will take place in July 2025. Students will be able to gain an experience of a different culture and practise their French conversation and listening skills. The trip is run by PGL which is a very reputable company that comes with great insurance. Ashlyns teachers will accompany the students who will also be guided by the PGL staff for evening entertainment. We have only been able to secure 51 places and the trip is aimed at those students who will choose to study French at GCSE.

The students will be leaving the school very early on Monday 14 July, around 5.00am, and are expected to return on the evening of Thursday, 17 July, at approximately 7.30pm. We will be travelling by air conditioned executive coach, using the Dover-Calais/Dunkirk ferry crossing.

Students will be staying in the picturesque Chateau de Grande Romaine, which is an activity centre situated 20 miles from Paris with 70 acres of stunning ground and woodland, as well as a heated outdoor swimming pool. The accommodation is organised in dormitories with bunk beds that sleep 4-8 students with ensuite bathrooms.

The stay will be packed with exciting and enriching excursions and activities, such as Disneyland Paris, River Seine Boat Tour, Sacré Coeur, Montmartre and a French hypermarket visit on our way back home. The visits will be led in French and students will have an opportunity to widen their horizons, learn about French society and culture, as well as improve their linguistic skills.

The estimated cost for this trip is between **£750 to £800 and a deposit of £125** will be due by **27 September 2024**. The balance will need to be paid in instalments between October 2024 and March 2025.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding.

What to do next

We are limited to 51 places on this trip and anticipate that it will be popular; places will therefore be allocated via ballot process. If you would like your child to be entered into the ballot, please complete an online **expression of interest form** [here](#) by **Monday 23 September 2024**. You will be informed if your child has been successful in the ballot, and has a place on the trip, shortly after this date.

Yours sincerely

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