



24 September 2025

Dear Families

## **Year 8, 9 and 10 French Trip to Maison Claire Fontaine, Burgundy - July 2026 – New Spaces Available**

The languages department is delighted to offer our current Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 French students the opportunity to enjoy a fully immersive French experience at Maison Claire Fontaine, a renowned school trip provider based in Avallon, in the beautiful Burgundy Countryside. Across a five-day visit from Monday 13 July to Saturday 18 July 2026, students will be able to put the French they have learned in the classroom into practice in a range of practical scenarios, take part in artistic and creative workshops, and visit a beautiful part of France.

A week at Maison Claire Fontaine will see students take part in French lessons in the morning, focused on the rich culture, gastronomy and geography of Burgundy, and reinforcing many of the structures learned in their in-school French lessons. All lessons are delivered by qualified, native teachers of French.

In the afternoon and evening, supported by the same teachers and French-speaking language assistants, students will take part in a range of immersive activities, all delivered in French; these will include cooking a Tartouillat, the regional apple cake of the Burgundy region, designing and building mosaics to take home, shopping for a balanced lunch at a local market before preparing it and presenting it in French to their fellow students, watching a circus performance, hiking through the lush Burgundy countryside, kayaking down the Cure river, and completing a scavenger hunt around the historic city of Dijon. You can find out more about Maison Claire Fontaine by clicking on this [link](#).

We still have 16 spaces available on the visit. I must inform you that, if these spaces are not filled by Friday 24 October 2025, we may have to cancel the visit. We would strongly encourage all eligible students to consider this experience, which takes place during this year's Curriculum Enhancement Days.

The total price for the visit is £695 per student, which is inclusive of coach travel to and from Burgundy, on-site accommodation in the recently refurbished dormitories at MCF, all meals, experiences and activities. The only other cost to be factored in for students would be a small amount of spending money for souvenirs and food for the journey. Should you wish for your child to join us on the visit, you can make an initial deposit payment of £60 via the MCAS app.

Please note that deposits will only be refunded if the trip does not run, and that all monies forwarded to our tour provider are non-refundable. We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at Sackville School. If any families would like their child to take part in this opportunity and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available.

We are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity - please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail to [sfrancis@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:sfrancis@sackvilleschool.org.uk) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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