



17 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

French Interaction Study Trip– Thursday 23 March to Saturday 25 March 2023

I am pleased to inform you of details of a trip to France in March 2023. Students who study French in year 9 and year 10 are invited.

We will travel by coach and Eurotunnel to France leaving on the morning of Thursday 23 March and will be returning early evening on Saturday 25 March 2023. Our accommodation will be at the Hotel Moulin aux Draps, about 45 minutes from Calais, in the countryside, outside of the small town of Desvres.

The aim of this trip is for students to enjoy an immersive French speaking trip. All the visits will be described in French, we hope to spend time in a French school and the staff at the hotel will communicate with the students in French at all times. Students will be provided with a workbook to complete during the trip. This trip gives students a chance not just to experience French culture but also to hear and speak the language they are learning in a 'real' environment.

We plan for the trip to include visits such as a chocolate producer, a cheese farm and a bakery. In addition, we hope to spend part of a day in a French school where students will meet up with French children of about the same age. We will contact the school beforehand and match the students up with partners and they will have the opportunity to contact each other before the trip. In the evenings the hotel will organise fun French speaking activities.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £330.00, which will cover travel, accommodation for two nights, entrance fees to the visits described and West Sussex travel insurance. All meals are provided apart from lunch on the day we leave the UK when students should bring a packed lunch for the journey.

I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the trip will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. In the unlikely event that a student has to be removed from the visit due to poor behaviour we reserve the right not to refund the voluntary contribution associated with the visit.

The final cost will depend on the number of students attending and it could rise incrementally, depending on how many students choose to go. In order to calculate the final cost, we would be grateful if you would pay a non-refundable deposit of £50.00, via [Scopay](#), by Friday 4 November at the latest please.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we can use that to pay for some of the cost of the trip to France. We will be in touch with you about the contribution, however, this may not be immediate. If you want to talk to someone sooner please liaise with Mrs Nibloe (hnbloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk). There is also the facility for you to make a contribution should you wish to. **Please note you must still tick the consent box on [Scopay](#) in order to secure a place.**

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#).

If you have any questions please contact me at lstewart@sackvilleschool.org.uk .

Yours sincerely

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