



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CLC/TCC

30 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE and A Level Art Trip – Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 February 2024

I am thrilled to be able to inform you that we are hoping to run a trip to either Paris on Thursday 8th – Sunday the 1 February 2024 for approx. 25-30 of our A-Level and GCSE Art students.

It is our intention to visit internationally renowned artworks; exploring the galleries and museums of either city (a rough itinerary is attached below). This experience will directly feed into their exam project (and portfolio of coursework) by creating evidence of their interaction with and recording the work of artists that will inspire their own work. This will provide opportunities to access the higher-grade bands in 2 of the 4 assessment objectives, which accounts for 50% of the assessment model.

I have conducted a questionnaire with students to determine which city they were most interested in visiting (between Paris and Amsterdam), and at the moment Paris is the most popular option. Our initial (approximate) costing for the trips were:

- Amsterdam - £350 (8 votes).
- Paris - £550 (18 votes).

However, I believe that I may be able to get the costs down on the Paris costs to around £450-£500 if we can make bookings in the next couple of weeks. In order to help us to move forwards with bookings, we would be very grateful if a deposit payment could be made of £250, by Thursday 8 December 2023. This will enable us to secure the cheaper prices for travel and accommodation. If, once monies have come in, we are unable to secure a booking for Paris at a reasonable cost – I will then make contact to see if your child would like to transfer to the alternative Amsterdam trip instead. Once the booking is secured the deposit will be non-refundable and the balance of £250 would be due by 31 December 2023.

[Charging and Remissions](#)

As the date of travel for the trip is relatively close, we do need to proceed with bookings as soon as possible to secure our travel and accommodation. The deadline for deposit payments is Thursday 7 December 2023, the trip will be available to Y12, Y13 and Y11. Once places are confirmed, I will be in contact to confirm the itinerary and invite you in for a parental meeting.

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If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch or monies to purchase a lunch can be provided, please email finance@heckgrammar.co.uk for further details.

Unfortunately our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, hence in such circumstances no refunds would be available.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school ccheesbrough@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Cheesbrough

Subject Leader - Art

Initial Itinerary

Thursday:

- Travel by train from Wakefield Westgate to London Kings Cross at approx. 8am.
- Travel by train from St Pancras to Paris Gare du Nord at approx. 12noon.
- Arrival in Paris mid-afternoon.
- Check into our accommodation (we are hoping to stay here [The People | Un hostel au cœur du Marais \(thepeoplehostel.com\)](https://www.thepeoplehostel.com) if we are able make the booking quick enough).
- Early evening visit to the Eiffel Tower.

Friday:

- Visit to the Louvre, followed a walk through the Tuileries Gardens to the L'Orangerie, D'Orsay and the Pompidou.

Saturday:

- Visit to the Catacombs/Pere Lachaise Cemetery/Picasso Museum/Rodin Museum/Photography Museum.

Sunday (we may reduce the trip length if it is significantly cheaper and return on Saturday afternoon, arriving back at Wakefield Westgate late on Saturday night):

- Early morning return by train with the aim to be home mid to late afternoon on Sunday.

This is a provisional itinerary, but and often used and well tested one. Once we have confirmed bookings, I will be able to finalise the itinerary and will share this with you asap.