

CMG/TCC

3 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

French trip to Paris Friday 15 May 2026 - Sunday 17 May 2026

In French, Year 9 students cover a range of topics allowing them to provide and understand information relating to their family, their routine, hobbies and their living environment. In Year 12, students explore current society trends in France as well as French culture and heritage. Next May, the MFL Department would like to give Year 9 and Year 12 students who are currently learning French the opportunity to practise their language skills in real life situations, as well as gain a better understanding of French culture by going on a short visit to the French capital, Paris, from Friday 15 until Sunday 17 May 2026.

At this stage, we are trying to gain expressions of interest for such a trip, to ensure that we have enough potential participants to make the visit viable. To secure this interest and make commitment to pay all future instalments, we require a £125 deposit payable via ParentPay by Friday 17 October 2025. The cost of the trip will be in the region of £800 and includes meals whilst we are in Paris. This amount will be payable in instalments, to allow you to spread the cost.

We will be travelling mainly by plane and public transport. Our itinerary includes the following activities:

- a boat trip on the river Seine
- a walk through the Montmartre area
- a visit to the Sacré-Cœur Basilica
- a visit to the Palace of Versailles
- a climb up the Montparnasse tower

If you would like to put your child's name down at this point, please can you follow the link below or use the QR code to access and complete the form.

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The deadline for application for places will be 9:00 a.m. on Friday 17 October 2025.

The number of places available on the trip is limited to 30. Should there be greater demand than we do have spaces, we will follow our trip protocol in selecting the students that will attend. Those selected will be informed in a letter sent via class charts announcement which will also confirm the final price and payment plan. The students that are not selected will have their £125 refunded and the student will be placed on the waiting list – this will also be communicated via a class charts announcement.

- Deposit of £125 to be paid by Friday 17 October 2025
- Second payment of £150 to be paid by Monday 8 December 2025
- Balance of £525 to be paid by Monday 23 February 2026

Please note that by paying the deposit you are committing to pay the full balance by the agreed deadlines. After Friday 17 October 2025, should you decide that your child can no longer attend the Paris trip, we will only refund any monies paid if a replacement student can be found. We will subtract the fees that may be required to change the passenger details with the airline from these monies. If no replacement is found the balance will still be payable by you.

The school will not be responsible for any costs incurred due to cancellation costs incurred if a student cannot travel due to passport/visa restrictions. It is therefore vital that you check this as any payments made will not be refundable in such circumstances, and indeed further payments to the full total may still be due.

Note that all students will need to travel using their own passport, with an expiry date at least 6 months after our return date.

Under the School Governors' <u>Charging and Remissions Policy</u>, the cost of the trip includes all the details outlined above. Insurance is included in the price (a copy of the policy can be provided), but you may have or wish to take out your own insurance.

The payments for the trip must be done via ParentPay by the dates shown above. When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact/medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay.



Please can I ask that you complete the deposit payment on ParentPay as per the schedule above. Please be aware that should you child be unable to attend the trip due to medical emergency then we would require official confirmation of this at the time.

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.

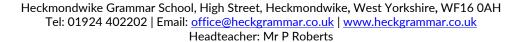
I am thrilled to be able to offer this trip to Paris and I hope that your child can join us.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at school cgennevieve@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Cécile Genneviève

Teacher of French



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