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Dear Parent/Carer

French trip to Paris Friday 28th May 2027 – Monday 31st May 2027

In French, Year 9 students cover a range of topics allowing them to provide and understand information relating to their family, their routine and 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 the Friday 28th until the Monday 31st May 2027. This is the first weekend of May half-term.

We have negotiated the best travel deal with our travel company Rayburn Tours. The cost of the trip will be in the region of £800 and includes meals and visits whilst we are in Paris. This amount will be payable in instalments, to allow you to spread the cost

If you would like your child to attend the Paris trip, an initial deposit of £75 should be paid via ParentPay by Monday 23rd November 2026.

We will be travelling mainly by coach and ferry, as well as walking around the city. 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 walk around the Latin Quarter
- a visit of Notre-Dame Cathedral

If you would like to put your child's name down at this point, please pay the deposit on ParentPay. For my personal records, I would also be grateful if you could please fill in this questionnaire, to let me know that you have paid the deposit.

Paris trip - 28th to 31st May 2027 – Fill in form



The deadline for application for places will be **9:00 a.m. on Monday 23rd November 2026**.

The number of places available on the trip is limited to 40. 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 Classcharts announcement which will also confirm the final price and payment plan. The students that are not selected will have their £75 deposit refunded and will be placed on the waiting list – this will also be communicated via a Classcharts announcement.

Please note that **by paying the deposit you are committing to pay the full balance by the agreed deadlines**. After the Monday 23rd November 2026, 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 ferry company from these monies. If no replacement is found the balance will still be payable by you.

Note that all students will need to travel using their own passport, with an expiry date at least 6 months after our return date. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that your child will be able to attend this trip with their current passport and visa status. School will not be responsible for any costs incurred due to cancellation caused by a student being unable to 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. Many ferry company policies specify that passports should have an additional six months on the expiry date – after the dates of the trip.

Under the School Governors' Charging and Remissions Policy, 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.

https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Charging-and-Remissions-Policy-2026-27.pdf

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 you to complete the deposit payment on ParentPay as per the schedule above. Please be aware that should your 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, so no refunds would be available in this circumstance.

We will hold a parents' and students' evening a few weeks before the trip, to provide you with as much information as possible in advance.

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
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Yours sincerely,



Cécile Geneviève
Teacher of French