



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

24th May 2022

RE: Science trip to Paris June 2023

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

I am pleased to announce the details of a 5 day Science, cultural and language skills trip to Paris next year, open to our current year 9 students. We will be leaving on Monday, 12th June 2023 and returning on the 16th June 2023.

About the visit

The school has chosen experienced trip company, 'Schools into Europe', to run our visit who are financially protected by ABTA and ATOL. The position on international travel is improving, but the trip will travel only if UK FCO travel guidance states that it is safe to do so and in accordance with any extant requirements at the time.

The cost of the trip is **£650**. This includes the following:

- Return journey from school to Paris in an executive coach
- Half board accommodation
- Visit to the Parisien Science Museum
- Boat trip on the River Seine
- Time on the Champs Elysées, Montmartre & Sacré Coeur
- Entry to the Eiffel Tower
- Visit to the Arc de Triomphe

Not included in the price:

- Spending money, £100-125 of Euros, for lunch, snacks and shopping etc.
- Valid passport
- Any Covid related or other entry requirements in place at the time of travel.

Please keep a regular check by clicking on the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>

COVID Vaccination Status

In order to reduce administrative risk, the school requires students who wish to travel to be fully vaccinated and have proof of COVID-19 vaccination status.

Selection

Parents should note that this is likely to be a popular trip and we have a limit of 40 students able to travel. Selection for this trip will be by ballot, which aims to give a fair chance to all interested students. To apply students/parents must fill out the online form via the line below. The deadline for filling out this form is 9am on Monday 13th June. I will write to all parents at that time and successful students will be added to ParentMail for the first payment to be made by the deadline of Friday 1st July 2022. If payments are not made at this time we will open up the place to the next student in ballot order.



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Cost and Payment Details

The current price is £650. This price may be subject to change depending on fluctuations in the global market, in which case we will contact you.

The payment details are as follows:

1st July 2022: First payment of non-refundable deposit of £100

1st September 2022: Second payment of 400

1st February 2023: Third payment of £150

Initial deposits are non-refundable. If for any reason your child is unable to travel then they will be liable for all moneys due in line with the tour operators cancellation terms. If the school is able to secure a replacement traveller we may refund all or part of the monies paid subject to any administrative fees.

Financial Assistance

We want to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to participate in school activities. Those students eligible for Pupil Premium may contact the school to discuss what support is available to them for this visit. Beyond this, our Financial Assistance form is available on our website or please email enquiries@qmg.s.walsall.sch.uk to enquire whether any support may be available.

Behaviour Criteria

Students attending the visit will need to have a good record of behaviour and attendance at school. Anyone whose behaviour becomes unacceptable after the trip has been booked may be excluded from travelling by the Head Teacher or required to return home early.

Insurance

This visit is covered by the Mercian Trust's policy with the Government's Risk Protection Arrangements. The insurance does not provide cover for student's personal possessions and you may wish to consider whether these are adequately insured.

Conclusion

We feel this trip presents an excellent extra-curricular opportunity. If you have any further questions please contact me via email, bb-mehta@qmg.s.walsall.sch.uk.

If you want your child to be considered for this trip please complete this [MS form](#) via the link or QR code below by 9am on 13th June 2022. You can give us any further information in the form, including eligibility for Pupil Premium.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Langton
Headmaster

Mrs B Mehta
Director of Houses

