



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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11 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

French Residential Trip to Paris – October 2024

The French Department is planning a trip to Paris between **Friday 18 October and Tuesday 22 October 2024**. The trip will be an excellent opportunity for GCSE and A Level French students to practise language learnt in lessons and develop their cultural understanding. Those interested in History will also be able to benefit from seeing many historical sites.

Itinerary

We are working with the educational travel company, Connect Studies, to tailor an itinerary that will offer our students a wide range of activities. The proposed itinerary (subject to change) is as follows:

Friday 18 October

Early morning departure from Sainsbury's Locksbottom (Pallant Way, Orpington BR6 8NZ). We will be travelling by coach, via ferry crossing to Paris. We will stop at Vimy Ridge, the site of a First World War battlefield, where students will be able to see underground tunnels, trenches and No Man's Land. We will then continue our journey to Paris, arriving in time for our evening meal at the hotel.

Saturday 19 October

After breakfast, there will be a coach transfer from the hotel to the centre of Paris where we will see various sites such as Sacré Coeur, Place du Tertre, and many others. In the afternoon, there will be a visit to the Musée d'Orsay, followed by a walk through Tuileries and time spent around Notre Dame Cathedral. The day will end with an evening meal in Flunch Beaubourg, followed by an ascent up to the second floor of Tour Eiffel.

Sunday 20 October

A visit to Versailles, completing a work study at the market before touring the Château of Versailles and the grounds. In the evening, we will have our evening meal at a local creperie, before heading back into Paris, embarking on an evening cruise along the River Seine – viewing several famous landmarks along the way. There will be a tour of Paris by night afterwards, where students will be able to see the lights and take in the atmosphere.

Monday 21 October

A day visit to Parc Astérix, a theme park with a variety of rides and shows, based around the famous French comic books. The evening meal will be on the way back to hotel.

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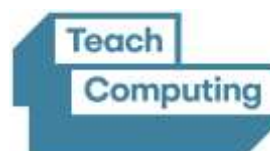
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Tuesday 22 October

After breakfast, we will stop at a small chocolate factory and a hypermarket on our return journey, arriving back in Orpington in the evening.

Costs

The cost of the visit will be **£530**, which includes travel, accommodation, all meals in France, travel insurance and any entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary. Students may wish to bring spending money to purchase additional food or gifts.

Passport/Health insurance

All students will need to have a valid individual passport and any visas necessary, dependent upon nationality. Please note that your child's passport must be valid for three months after the date that we leave France, and their passport must be no more than 10 years old. For non-British nationals/passport holders – it will be their responsibility to ensure they have the correct visa requirements prior to travelling.

Students will also need to have a valid EHIC/GHIC. Further details can be found [here](#) and you can apply for a new GHIC card [here](#). You will be asked for passport and EHIC/GHIC details once your place on the trip has been confirmed.

Applying for a place on the trip

The trip is open to all students currently in Year 10 and 12 who are studying French. There will be 50 places available, allocated on a first come, first served basis. In order to secure your child's place on the trip, a deposit of £150 must be paid via WisePay by **Friday 22 March 2024**. Please be aware that this deposit is **non-refundable** and constitutes permission for this trip. Further instalments are as follows:

- Second payment of £200 by Friday 24 May 2024
- Third payment of £180 by Friday 19 July 2024

Should you have any financial concerns with regards to payment for this trip, please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

Information on students for this trip will be taken from the school database for the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact and medical information. Please check and update the school with any changes via the Arbor app.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at shau@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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