



14th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 French Trip – June 2023

We are running a trip to France for Year 7 pupils. We will be spending five days based in a holiday centre in Péronne in the Somme area of Northern France and will be travelling by coach and either ferry or Eurotunnel. We hope to visit sites of interest in the area such as Amiens (with its beautiful cathedral) and the war museums. We will also spend one day at the Parc Asterix theme park.

The cost of the trip is expected to be £575, covering all transport, lodging, food and entrance fees, and insurance.

Owing to the size of the accommodation, we will run two trips of 80 pupils and the price quoted is based on this number. However, the price may increase slightly if fewer students take up this opportunity. If the trip is oversubscribed, then places will be allocated by ballot.

The dates are as follows:

- 🎬 Trip 1 Sunday 11th – Thursday 16th June 2023
- 🎬 Trip 2 Sunday 25th – Thursday 29th June 2023

Subject to availability your child will be allocated one of the above dates; we will endeavour to allocate your child on a trip with their form group.

To make an initial request for a place on the trip for your child please use the link below:
<https://forms.gle/y7n4inJqmpRkEwrMA>

The deadline for online applications is **Friday 18th November 2022**. You will then be informed by Wednesday 23rd November 2022 by email if your child has been successful following the ballot. **The first payment, which will be the initial deposit of £100, will be due on Friday 25th November 2022**. The second deposit of £200 will need to be paid by Friday 27th January 2023. The remaining £275 must be paid in full by Friday 12th May 2023. Note that failure to keep to these payment deadlines may jeopardise your child's place on this trip.

Please be aware that **your child will require his/her own full, valid passport**. Holders of other non-EU passports will need to inform me of this by email as soon as possible and certainly before the final payment is due so that I may assist with any visa requirements.

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All payments must be paid via ParentPay. For parents who have previously not used ParentPay, instructions are available on the school website showing how to set up your account and make payments. This can be found under About Us/Cashless Catering and ParentPay. If you require any assistance regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Office. Also note that if your child receives free school meals, the school can help with the cost of the trip for up to half the amount. The initial deposit in these circumstances will therefore be £50. Any queries on this matter should be addressed by email to office@ashmoleacademy.org for the attention of Mr Pearson, Head of French.

Finally, may we remind you that in accordance with school practice, we reserve the right to withdraw any student from the visit if their behaviour becomes a cause of serious concern and that, in such an event, we would be unable to refund any monies paid. If under any circumstance you no longer wish to go on this trip, any payments will only be refunded if another student takes up this place.

We hope you will agree to your child taking part in what promises to be a very enjoyable, educational and memorable trip.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adriano', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr R. A. Pearson
Head of French