HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 9 VISIT TO PARIS, FRANCE - Monday 15th July - Friday 19th July 2019

We are pleased to announce that we are in a position to offer students in Year 9 the opportunity to visit Paris in 2019.

Dates

We will leave the school early on the morning of Monday 15th July 2019 and return in the evening on Friday 19th July 2019. (Full details of times will be confirmed nearer departure).

Location

We will stay in the Hotel Campanile Le Blanc Mesnil just outside the centre of Paris.

Cost

The cost per student will be £520.00. This includes:

- Return coach travel
- Ferry crossings from Dover to Calais and return
- Insurance
- 4 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Evening meal for 3 nights at the hotel
- River trip with Bateaux Mouché
- Visit to the top of the Tour Montparnasse
- Visit to the Terrace of the Arc de Triomphe
- Visit to the Place de la Concorde and the Jardin des Tuileries
- Evening visit to Trocadero to view the Eiffel Tower
- Visit to Thiepval War Memorial and Lochnager Crater
- Visit to the 3D Planetarium at La Coupole, St Omer
- Visit to the Chocolatérie de Lachelle
- Visit to Notre-Dame
- Evening meal at the Café Cadets de Gascogne in Montmartre
- Visit to the Sacre-Coeur and la Place du Tertre
- Day long visit to Astérix theme park
- Visit to the Musée de l'Armée and Les Invalides

Please note that due to the nature of some activities, students will not be under the direct supervision of staff, but be reassured that they will be told where to find us (or how to contact us) if the need arises.

Passports

Please note that all students will require a passport in their own name for the trip and a European Health Insurance Card, also in their name.

Payments

If your son or daughter would like a place on the trip, please complete and return the reply slip and deposit of £50.00 by Monday 15th October 2018. The balance will be due next year, probably in March or April, but can be paid at any time before then, or by instalments if preferred. Please note that all deposits are **non-returnable**. Deposit cheque to be made payable to Holbrook Academy.

Please be aware that your child will not be able to take part in the trip unless all monies are received by the payment deadlines and cleared through our bank.

By agreeing to your child taking part in this trip you commit to paying the whole amount.

Cancellation will not entitle you to an automatic reimbursement of any monies paid and a refund may only be possible if the place can be taken up by another student.

If at any time you wish to cancel your child's place on the trip please inform me as soon as you can.

All students in Year 9 will be given an opportunity to apply to participate in the trip to Paris. As in previous years, it is likely the trip will be considerably oversubscribed. If this is the case, names will be placed in a draw and all students will have an equal opportunity to be selected for a place on the trip. If a draw is necessary it will take place after the deadline (4pm Monday 15th October 2018) for receipt of deposits and if your child is unsuccessful at this stage the deposit will be returned and their name will be added to a reserve list. Any student applying for this trip after the deadline will join the end of the reserve list.

Expectations

As I am sure you are aware, a trip of this nature involves members of staff giving up their own time beyond the school day to provide an extra opportunity for students in addition to their normal curriculum entitlement. All members of staff leading the trip have clear health and safety responsibilities for all students involved and must be confident that they will be able to trust your child to act and behave in a safe and mature manner. Previous poor behaviour and attitude will be taken into account when deciding if a student will be allowed to participate. If a student's behaviour, attitude to staff or work during the year gives cause for concern we reserve the right to withdraw them from the trip and offer the place to a student from the reserve list.

In addition to this, we will expect the highest standard of behaviour and cooperation at all times from all students who accompany us on this trip. Full details of our expectations will be given closer to the date of departure.

This year's trip was a great success, providing students with many cultural and educational experiences and long lasting memories. I hope you will allow your child to take advantage of this opportunity and if you require any further clarification please contact me via the Academy office.

Yours sincerely

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Name of Student: Form:
I would like my child to be included in the party for the visit to Paris from 15 th to 19 th July 2019.
I enclose a <u>non-refundable</u> deposit of £50.00 (which will be returned if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place). Please make cheques payable to Holbrook Academy.
* My child already has a passport, <u>in their own name</u> , valid until at least December 2019.
* My child will be obtaining a passport in their own name.
* My child has a European Health Insurance Card in his/her name.
* My child will be obtaining a European Health Insurance Card.
* PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE
Signed Date (Parent/Carer)

Please complete and return to Mr Barrett by Monday 15th October 2018.