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Dear parent / carer

I am writing to confirm that your child has been **successful** in securing a place on our trip to visit France, taking place **Thursday 5 March 2026 until Sunday 8 March 2026**. Times of departure are yet to be confirmed with the travel company.

We are using NST as our chosen travel company, which is an experienced, well-reputed company that we have used successfully before. They will be providing the activities and itinerary and a company representative is available during our stay. The accommodation in France is owned by NST and as such, only school parties reside there, and we will have no contact with the public whilst at the accommodation. You may find more information <u>here</u>.

We will travel by coach and ferry in the UK and by coach in France. Nearer departure time, I will ask for information about any travel sickness requirements and how we will manage any other medication required for students whilst we are away.

A parent/student meeting will be held before we travel, to inform you of the full itinerary, packing list and restricted items list. The meeting will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions prior to travel. Please note that there will be a suitcase weight/size restriction. Students will be contacted regarding rooming in due course.

In order to travel, students will require a valid UK passport, which we will collect by the end of the school summer term in July 2025 to ensure all necessary paperwork is completed. If your child already has a passport, please ensure it meets current travel requirements. It must have validity of at least three more months after our departure date (5 March 2026). All students will also require a GHIC card, which are free to order online and an ETIAS Visa which cost approximately 7 euros. More information will be provided about these in due course.

The cost of the trip is now **£680** per student, which includes insurance and travel, accommodation, food (except for outbound travel) and all activities. Please note the trip is an 'optional extra' under the 1996 Education Act and the school is therefore permitted to charge for this activity. If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please make payment of a non-refundable deposit of **£75** via the Arbor parent portal by **12:30pm on Monday 24 February 2025**. To do this, please log into the portal and search for Activities/Trips. By making this payment, you are consenting to your child attending this trip.

If you have not yet activated your parent portal account, please click here.

Please note that if payment is not received by this date your child will unfortunately not be able to attend, and the place will be offered to students on our reserve list.

The first instalment of **£90** is due by **31 March 2025**, the second instalment of **£150** is due by **31 May 2025** and the final payment of **£365** is due by **31 September 2025**. Students can bring spending money and further information will be provided in due course.

I am very much looking forward to providing this opportunity for our students.

Yours faithfully

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