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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to confirm that we are offering a French trip to our Year 8 pupils next year. We will be able to take a group of 45 pupils on a residential trip to Château de Grande Romaine, which is a magnificent Château situated 20 miles outside Paris. The trip will take place from Monday, 22 February until Friday, 26 February 2027. Our latest visit was a resounding success and we are so excited to be able to give our students this wonderful experience again.

The trip will be centred entirely on Paris and designed to give students the opportunity to see and experience the world famous sights and landmarks this fantastic city has to offer. Although the exact itinerary is still to be confirmed, we aim to visit the Eiffel Tower, Sacré Coeur, Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre as well as a day at Disneyland Paris. The Château was formerly a 3-star hotel and has a variety of facilities, including floodlit football and basketball courts and student common rooms. Pupils will be accommodated in 4 to 6 bedded rooms, all of which are en-suite. The teachers' accommodation is situated next to your child's dormitory for ease of supervision and security. The children will receive three meals a day, incorporating traditional French food and cooking methods.

The estimated cost of the trip for students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding is £380, which is fully inclusive of all transport, insurance, meals and accommodation, all excursions and visits whilst in France. The price does not include meals taken when travelling to and from Paris at the start and end of the trip, nor any spending money you might want your child to have. Arrangements can be made to pay in instalments via Arbor; however, **no payment will be taken at this time**. Please be aware we need 45 pupils to secure this cost and the cost could increase if we do not reach this number. Before committing to the trip, I must make you aware that pupils will need to travel on their own passport and the passport must be valid for a minimum of 3 months after the 26 February 2027, which is the date of departure from France.



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In the first instance if you would like your child to participate in this visit, could you please indicate this on Arbor under School Trips, 'French visit 2027 INTEREST IN VISIT' by 12:00 noon on Monday, 20 April 2026. We have been successful in provisionally booking 45 places for this visit, therefore if interest is high we will seek to allocate places by drawing names from a hat. I will then write to those of you whose child has been allocated a place, with further details of the itinerary and also dates for when payments will need to be made. If we are unable to offer your child a place, their name will be placed on a reserve list.

Should your child be allocated a place on the visit, a non-refundable deposit of £75 per pupil will be required by Friday, 24 April 2026 to secure the booking. A payment schedule will be shared for the remaining balance. Where the payment schedule is not adhered to, the school reserves the right to withdraw any pupil from this visit, unless exceptional circumstances have been communicated to us.

Pupils attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour is judged unacceptable may be excluded, or required to return home early and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of their parents. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for School Visits by visiting our website <https://windsorparkmiddle.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/School-Visits-TC-and-StudentCode-of-Conduct.pdf> by signing up to this visit, you are agreeing to the terms outlined.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bould
French Teacher