March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to inform you about an exciting opportunity within the KS4 Languages curriculum. Our bi-annual French trip to Paris will take place from **Thursday 11th February to Sunday 14th February 2021**. Priority will be given to GCSE students of French and your son/daughter has expressed an interest in the trip. This is an extremely popular trip; if demand exceeds the number of places available, names will be drawn out of a hat.

We will be travelling by coach from school and will be using the accommodation *FIAP Jean Monnet* which is ideally located for many of the attractions we will visit. We will have a busy schedule including an evening cruise on the River Seine, visits to the Louvre Museum, the Palace of Versailles, the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur, Notre Dame Cathedral along with the opportunity to do some shopping on the famous Champs-Elysées.

As well as being an unmissable language experience, this will also be a true cultural experience in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

The total cost of the trip will be **£440.** This includes all travel, accommodation, entrance tickets and all meals. To secure your son/daughter’s place on the trip, a non-refundable deposit of £100 is needed by Thursday 2nd April. Please make this payment via our online payment system: [www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs](http://www.scopay.com/olchs-lancs). You will also need to complete the medical form which can be found accompanying this letter on our school website: [www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-trips). Please also take note of our dress code for school trips which is also on our website.

The rest of the payments will need to be paid via Scopay as follows: a second payment of **£120** is due by **1st July 2020**, a third payment of **£120** by **15th September 2020** and a final payment of **£100** by **10th December**. As well as your deposit you must send in a photocopy of your son/daughter’s passportand EHIC card; please send a copy of this to the finance office as soon as this is available.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip but will struggle to pay, please do get in touch with myself at [ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) to discuss financial assistance.

Current Year 9 parents/carers please note that this trip does impact work experience week in Year 10; pupils going to Paris will need to arrange a 3-day work experience placement (instead of the full week) from Monday 8th February until Wednesday 10th February 2021 as we will be leaving for Paris from school early on the Thursday morning.

Please note that this visit is covered by Lancashire County Council public liability insurance but there is no personal accident insurance cover provided for your child. If you feel that this is necessary, you will need to make separate arrangements. Please be aware therefore, that we accept no responsibility for any valuables/personal possessions which your child chooses to take on this visit.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, preferably via e-mail at [ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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