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Dear Parent

**Year 8 FRENCH TRIP TO NORTHERN FRANCE AND PARIS Friday 4 July – Monday 7 July 2025**

We are pleased to inform you that a curriculum trip has been arranged for Year 8 students to visit Paris and Northern France.

The trip will take place from Friday 4 July to Monday 7 July 2025. During the trip, the children will take part in excursions to the Somme Battlefields, experiences where they can practise using their language (including a trip to a French bakery), evening entertainment and a day visit to Paris. Accommodation will be in luxury camping pods at the Château de Warsy.

The cost of the trip is £470 per student (including all meals).

If you would like for your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please complete the online Google form (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sK7X2faREayhFAQPZr4MFMNeefBuOsbWINV4TkeQSDw>) and make the initial **deposit of £100** via MCAS by **Thursday 24 October 2024**. Your child's place will **not** be secured until you have made the payment and completed the online form.

If assistance is required with the cost of this visit, please email [j.jackson@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:j.jackson@smithdonhigh.org.uk) to obtain an application form for the school's Learner Support Fund. If insufficient contributions are raised to fund this trip, the school reserves the right to cancel this excursion.

Due to a limited number of places, if demand outweighs available spaces, places will be allocated in the fairest way possible, including considering attendance and behaviour records. We will confirm whether your child has been successful as soon as possible after the trip deadline and at this point the deposit will be non-refundable. If your child has been unsuccessful, we will confirm a refund of the deposit as soon as possible.

Please note that each child's place on the trip is dependent on them maintaining high levels of attendance and meeting Smithdon's behaviour expectations. If allocated a place, Smithdon High School reserves the right to withdraw your child's place at any time, if either of these things become a concern. In this instance, any payments made will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement is found.

**For all trips abroad, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child has a valid passport (expiry date must be after 7 January 2026), a medical card (EHIC/GHIC) and a visa (if your child is a non-EU citizen).**

Yours sincerely

**Miss M. Collard (Trip Leader)**  
**Modern Foreign Languages Department**



### Payment Plan

We appreciate that there is a significant cost to this trip, in an attempt to make this as accessible as possible, we have arranged for the following instalment plan to be available:

Date due	Amount	Balance due
Thursday 24 October	£100	£370
Monday 6 January 2025	£100	£270
Monday 3 February 2025	£100	£170
Monday 3 March 2025	£170	£0

If you would like to take the opportunity to pay by instalments, please ensure that your instalment has been paid by the due date as a missed payment could lead to the place on the trip being withdrawn.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the cost of this trip is accurately reflected in the price quoted, the school does reserve the right to amend costs or withdraw the trip should there be insufficient uptake in student numbers, or insufficient voluntary contributions received. On the rare occasion that prices do need to change this will be communicated to you *BEFORE* your deposit/first instalment is committed and becomes non-refundable.

In the event your child is unable to attend or you subsequently fail to make any payments, any instalments paid to date will be non-refundable\* (unless a suitable replacement can be found to take your child's place).

\*Except in the event of a medical condition preventing participation. In these circumstances a claim should be made to the school's travel insurer, please contact the school directly and they will assist with your claim (please note confirmation from your doctor will be required).