



30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carer

## Christmas trip to Lille and Ypres, December 2020

We are excited to be offering a French Christmas trip to Lille and Ypres next year for our current Year 9 pupils choosing French for their GCSE, as well as to our current French pupils in Y8. This will be a unique opportunity to support the global aspirations of our school by immersing pupils in French culture and traditions and to create a unique bonding experience.

### The key details about the planned trip are as follows:

- Three days, two nights
- Departs on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Returns on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- The group size is **40 pupils plus 3 members of staff**
- **The cost is £260 per pupil**

### This price includes

- Coach and Eurotunnel to and from France
- Accommodation on a half board basis
- School travel insurance
- All visits included in the itinerary

### The itinerary for the trip will include the following:

- Lille's Christmas Markets:  
Place Rihour; this is the main site for the Christmas Market where pupils will find over 80 chalets, Father Christmas and the Funfair.  
La Grande Place; the giant 50 ft Ferris wheel is here along with more stalls and all year round shops.  
Crêperie; where we will take a break from the hustle and bustle for lunch!
- Overnight stay at a Hotel in Lille
- Cultural Trip to Boulogne - Sightseeing in the old roman town and visit to Becasuc sweet factory.
- **Ypres, Belgium** - For the second part of the trip, we will be heading across the border into Ypres, Belgium. This will give the pupils the opportunity to visit the World War I battlefields and museums along with the chance to retrace the footsteps of soldiers who fought in World War I.  
Overnight stay at a Hotel in Ypres

In addition to the cost of the trip, your child will need money to buy snacks en route, meals and souvenirs (suggested amount €100). They will also require a full valid passport and EHIC.

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To secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, a deposit of **£60** is required, along with the completed permission slip below by **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

Before applying for the trip, please be aware of the following:

1. priority on the trip is given to the current Year 9 pupils choosing a language for GCSE
2. we will draw names from all of the Year 8 pupils who have paid deposits by the deadline (based on the number of spaces available after the Year 9)
3. any unsuccessful pupils will have their deposits returned.
4. we also reserve the right to withdraw a pupil from the trip later on in the year if we have serious behaviour concerns.

The payment plan following the deposit, valid only for the pupils who will manage to secure a place on the trip, is outlined below. Each of the instalments following the deposit **will also be non-refundable** as they fall due.

Deposit 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	11 <sup>th</sup> February	£60
2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> March	£50
3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> April	£50
4 <sup>th</sup> instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> May	£50
5 <sup>th</sup> instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> June	£50

We very much hope your son/daughter will be able to take advantage of this excellent trip. Their appreciation of the French culture and their enthusiasm for the language will be heightened immeasurably by this experience.

Prior to the trip departing, I will arrange a parents' information evening at the start of next school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [harcher@chantryschool.com](mailto:harcher@chantryschool.com) if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Archer  
Modern Foreign Languages Teacher

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To: Mrs S Kinsey

### **Christmas trip to Lille and Ypres, December 2020**

I agree for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (block capitals please)  
Form \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the above trip.

I have paid a deposit of £60.00 via the School Gateway : number \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that if the trip is over-subscribed and my son/daughter does not get a place my deposit will be refunded.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer