



# St Peter's Catholic High School

*A Specialist Visual Arts College*



TIE/ABA

29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Initial Letter

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is delighted to be able to offer our Year 9 French pupils the opportunity to participate in a 6-day Language Immersion visit to North-Western France **from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**. The main aim of the visit is to provide our pupils with an opportunity to practise and enhance their French language skills with native French speakers in an authentic setting.

Throughout the visit we will be accompanied by our own French 'animateurs', who will deliver activities to our group in French and encourage our pupils to listen carefully and then to respond in French at every opportunity. The trip has run successfully for the last two years and on both occasions students found it to be both highly enjoyable and beneficial towards their language learning. Pupils benefit enormously from the trip, gaining confidence with listening skills and all pupils will notice an improvement in their speaking skills throughout the week.

The Language Immersion programme is delivered by Voyager School Travel and it is highly oversubscribed. Previously demand has exceeded supply of places, and should numbers again be excessive places will be allocated via ballot. If your son/daughter is not allocated a space then deposits will be refunded. Should your son/daughter fail to meet the school's expectations in terms of continued good behaviour then they will be withdrawn from the trip at the school's discretion and any monies paid may not be refunded.

Our suggested **itinerary** is as follows (though this is subject to change):

Day 1	Travel, unpack, explore
Day 2	Circus experience; bread making; sports tournament
Day 3	Market visit; Goat's cheese farm; evening games
Day 4	Archery; visit to chocolate factory; French film evening
Day 5	Orienteering; treasure hunt; Ice-Skating; fancy dress evening
Day 6	Return journey

The cost of the visit is £425 and includes coach and ferry travel; accommodation; breakfast, lunch and evening meal; workbooks and all language resources provided; all excursions during the visit; and insurance.

If your child would like to participate, please return the attached reply slip to the Languages Department by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please do not send money in with this reply slip.**

A non-refundable deposit of **£100** would then be required by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** to secure your child's place if they gain a confirmed place on the trip.

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Headteacher: Mr. A. McGlown M.A. (Oxon) N.P.Q.H

Pupils will require a valid passport and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) to travel. Details of medical and dietary requirements will be requested shortly. There will be a Parents' Information Evening in January (date TBC), during which time a detailed Information Booklet will be provided.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Tierney via the main school office.

Yours sincerely,



N. Tierney (Mr)  
(Head of Modern Foreign Languages)

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To: Mr Tierney,

My son/daughter would like to provisionally reserve a place on the French Language Immersion visit taking place from Sun 29<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

Pupil's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil's MFL teacher: \_\_\_\_\_