



St Peter's Catholic High School

A Specialist Visual Arts College



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18th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is delighted to be able to offer our Y8 French pupils the opportunity to participate in a 6-day Language Immersion visit to North-Western France **from Sunday 28th January– Friday 2nd February 2018**. 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 successfully run for the last three years and on every occasion 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 abilities 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Should your son/daughter fail to meet the school's expectations in terms of continued good behaviour then they will be withdrawn from the trip at the school's discretion and any monies paid may not be refunded.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; photogram; French supermarket; crêperie, French film evening
Day 5	Orienteering; climbing wall; local games; fancy dress evening
Day 6	Treasure hunt; Return journey

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The cost of the visit is £450 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.

When making payments to school, Parents are encouraged to use our online payments facility TUCASI. This is because:

- **It is quick and easy to use.**
- **Payments can be made at any time (even when the school is closed) and balances viewed 24/7,**
- **You will have access to your own private account history at any time.**
- **There is no more searching for cash.**
- **It reduces the risk of cash and cheques being lost or stolen.**
- **All major credit/debit cards are accepted.**

If you need any assistance setting up your account, please contact the School's Finance Office on 01942 747693 ext. 309. Alternatively, if paying by cash or cheque, cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Catholic High School.

If your child would like to participate, please return the attached reply slip to the Languages Department by **Friday 22nd September. Please do not send money in with this reply slip.**

A non-refundable deposit of **£100** would then be required by **Friday 29th September** to secure your child's place if they gain a confirmed place on the trip.

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 either Mrs Gibson or Miss Dolan via the main school office.

Yours sincerely,



C Dolan (Miss)
(MFL Department)

To: Miss Dolan,

My son/daughter would like to provisionally reserve a place on the French Language Immersion visit taking place from Sun 28th January – Fri 2nd February 2018.

Pupil's full name _____

Form: _____ Date: _____

Parental Signature: _____

Print Name : _____

Pupil's MFL teacher: _____