

# Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **YEAR 8 VISIT TO FRANCE 2023** **MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JULY TO FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

Following the interest expressed in the proposed Year 8 visit to France, it has been decided to offer the current Year 7 students the opportunity to visit Paris to learn about French culture as well as practise the language skills they have been developing this year. The visit will depart on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and return on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The cost of the trip is £550.00. The provisional programme includes:-

- Travel to and from France via EuroTunnel and all travel and excursions during the stay.
- Accommodation in Campus Ste Thérèse. The centre is located in its own grounds in the town of Ozoir-La-Ferrière which lies 13 miles south east of Paris.
- All meals, including packed lunches from dinner upon arrival; students should bring their own packed lunch for the outward journey
- Full day sightseeing trip to Paris, including entry to the Eiffel Tower, a boat trip on the River Seine and a visit to the artists' district of Montmartre.
- Morning visit to a nearby market town.
- Afternoon trip to Aquaboulevard, Paris, the biggest urban water park in Europe.
- Full day visit to Parc Astérix theme park.
- On-site evening entertainment, including games, a quiz, a disco and a talent show.
- Basic insurance cover (students should not bring expensive mobile phones, valuable jewellery etc as this cannot be covered by the school policy).

This exciting visit is open to all students studying French in the forms 7AN, 7BL, 7PK and 7SE. **There may also be additional costs if students have to be withdrawn either by parents or members of staff within 6 months prior to departure.**

If you would like your daughter to be considered for a place on this trip, please pay the £100 non-refundable deposit via School Gateway by **1st July 2022**. Further instalment dates will apply.

£150.00 instalment payable by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

£150.00 instalment payable by 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

£150.00 final instalment payable by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Strict adherence to the above payment dates by parent/carers is essential to enable the school to meet tour operator conditions. **Failure to meet payment deadlines will compromise your daughter's place on the trip.**

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### **Travel requirements**

**Passport** : A full valid passport is needed for the trip (Valid until at least 31.01.2024). A copy of this passport will be requested by the school by email 6 months prior to the trip.

**Visas** : If the student is not a UK or EU National parents are responsible for obtaining and paying for any visa required for travel to France.

**Healthcare** : Students are required to have a valid GHIC Card which can easily be applied for via this link <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start?sessionExpired=true>

**Covid** : Students currently need proof of double vaccination to travel to France or need to follow requirements with regard to PCR test prior to departure, please read the following advice <https://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/service-information/coronavirus-and-eurostar-service/travel-requirements>.

These requirements are obviously subject to change and parents will be updated of any changes nearer the time of the trip.

By giving consent on School Gateway you are agreeing to the following:-

1. Your daughter will have a valid passport, a GHIC Card and will meet the Covid related entry requirements mentioned above.
2. Both you and the student agree to the terms set out in the Code of Conduct for Students, see attached.
3. You will advise the school of any changes to your emergency contact details prior to the trip departing.
4. You will advise the school office via [office@bwsgirls.org](mailto:office@bwsgirls.org) of any changes in your daughter's medical condition (if any) between now and the date of the trip, or if you have any other concerns regarding her ability to participate.
5. You give permission for the student to receive any first aid or medical treatment that may be required during the trip.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your daughter to experience French life and speak the French language and we are sure that she will benefit greatly from this venture.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs A Hahn**  
**Head of KS3 French**

**PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY**

All medical details and emergency telephone numbers which we will use for the trip will be generated from the school's records. Please ensure that any changes in this information are provided to us as soon as they occur. Your daughter/son will be administered with any first aid required on the trip.

**If your daughter/son requires any medication for the trip please put this in a transparent bag marked clearly with your daughter/son's name plus medication enclosed, the dosage amount and times to be taken. Please hand to a member of staff on the day of the visit.**

Payment signifies the commitment by the payer to membership of the party and therefore the cost of the visit is **non-refundable** except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor's certificate will be required (or evidence of a positive PCR test within 5 days of travel if the student has Covid). Payments are used to secure firm bookings with the companies whose services are engaged for the visit. Please note you are entering into a contract with the event company, hotel, travel or airline company, not the school. Please ensure all payments are made on-line as described by the due date.

Please note the school reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour prior to the trip does not meet the school expectations, or whose attendance record is unacceptable. Parents/Carers are advised that this may incur cancellation charges plus a £50.00 administration fee.

If a student's conduct on the trip would have led to a fixed term exclusion from school, parents are expected to collect their daughter/son from the trip destination. Parents would be liable for all associated costs relating to the collection of the student.

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS ON SCHOOL VISITS

Each student should:

1. Observe normal school rules.
2. Co-operate fully with all staff and accompanying adults at all times and adhere to all requests and requirements made by them, including use of mobile phones.
3. The trip leader will establish guidelines for use of mobile phones on a visit. These must be adhered to at all times otherwise the phone will be confiscated until the end of the trip.
4. Participate fully in all activities and sessions, fulfil all tasks prior to and during the visit.
5. Be punctual at all times.
6. Not leave group sessions or accommodation without permission.
7. Always return to the meeting point or accommodation at agreed times.
8. If granted indirectly supervised time, be in groups of not less than three students.
9. Avoid behaviour which might inconvenience others and be considerate to others at all times.
10. Behave at all times in a manner which reflects credit on self, the party and the school.
11. Abide by laws, rules and regulations of the countries and places visited.
12. Whilst staying with an exchange family, students must never go out by themselves and must be accompanied at all times by their host.
13. Comply with customs and duty-free regulations.
14. Not purchase or consume alcohol, tobacco products or purchase dangerous articles such as explosives or knives.
15. If in doubt on any matter, consult with staff.
16. Accept that a full written report of any misconduct will be forwarded to the Headteacher and to the parent(s).

**Not complying with the code of conduct could lead to the pupil being returned home early and parents paying the costs incurred.**