

# Wycombe High School

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Dear Parent

## Years 9, 10 and 12 French Homestay, Friday 13 - Tuesday 17 July 2012

**Dates** Friday 13 July - Tuesday 17 July 2012.

**Accommodation** With one or two other Wycombe High School students, staying with a French family in a location near Paris.

**Travel arrangements** By coach and ferry.

**Passport** Your daughter must have her own passport. It must have six months to run from the date of our departure. If your daughter requires a new passport please allow plenty of time for her application to be processed and notify us of the new number and expiry date well in advance of our date of departure.

Please be aware that no refunds can be made if your daughter is unable to travel due to an irregularity with her passport.

**Visa** If your daughter holds a non-EU passport she may require a visa. It is your responsibility to find out if this is necessary and to obtain one if required; the website [www.ukpa.gov.uk](http://www.ukpa.gov.uk) is a useful source of information.

**Itinerary**  
(subject to alteration)

Three full day visits

- One full day excursion will include visiting an art gallery, either the Rodin Museum or The Louvre, the Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe (exterior), La Concorde, Sacré Coeur, Place du Tertre and Montmartre
- A further day excursion will include a Bateau Mouche trip, Notre Dame and the Ile de la Cité, and the Eiffel Tower (3<sup>rd</sup> level)
- A full day excursion to Disneyland Paris.

### Purpose of the visit

The purpose of the visit is to enhance students' cultural awareness of France, to provide an opportunity to practise their spoken French and experience living with a French family.

### Tour organisation

The visit is organised through Ardmore, a well-established educational tour company that we have used for a number of years.

### Cost of the visit

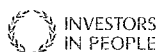
The cost of the visit is estimated to be £430 based on 33 - 39 students travelling on a coach. The final cost will be subject to the number of students participating and any currency fluctuations which may occur between now and next year.

### What does the cost include?

- Return ferry crossings and all coach travel
- 4 nights' full board accommodation with a French family. A packed lunch will be provided each day by host families.
- Excursion fees and tickets
- Services of Ardmore representative/s
- Insurance.

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Courageously Faithfully Joyfully



**Items not included:**

- Meals en route
- Pocket money for shopping and incidental expenses.

**Insurance**

The cost of the visit includes insurance provided by Ardmore. A copy of the insurance schedule is available on request.

**European Health Insurance Card**

Your daughter will also require a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This can be obtained by calling 0845 606 2030; via the website [www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Healthadvicefortravellers/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Healthadvicefortravellers/index.htm); or by collecting an application form from the Post Office. You should allow two weeks for an application to be processed.

**Who can take part in the visit?**

Students in Years 9, 10 or 12 who are currently studying French are eligible to apply for a place on this visit. Students in Year 11 who intend to study French at AS Level are also welcome to apply.

**Payment**

If you would like your daughter to take part in this visit, please complete and return the reply slip below to the Finance Office by **Wednesday 16 November**, together with a cheque for £100, made payable to 'Wycombe High School Fund'. Please write your daughter's name, tutor group, learning / year group and 'French Homestay' on the back of the cheque and on the envelope. The due date for the subsequent payment will be announced when the booking is made.

Places on this visit are limited by coach capacity which, in the first instance, will be a single coach. However if numbers permit we would hope to be in a position to take a second coach, as we have done in previous years. If numbers then still exceed places available a random draw will take place based on the return of reply slips. If your daughter is not allocated a place your deposit cheque will be kept safely and not cashed. In the event that a place becomes available your daughter will be contacted and asked if she would like to participate. The cheque will then be cashed or destroyed accordingly. The draw will take place, if required, on **Thursday 17 November**. Reply slips returned to any other location or not returned by the deadline will not be included in the draw. Students will be advised of the result of the draw at the beginning of the following week. Further information to parents will then follow, including payment details.

Please be aware that if you withdraw your daughter from the visit for any reason not covered under the terms of the insurance policy then monies paid may be non-refundable. Please also note that if your daughter's behaviour gives serious cause for concern between now and the visit she risks being withdrawn.

May we draw your attention to the following residential visits which we are also hoping to run in the summer term, together with approximate costs, where known. Please note that the Spanish Visit and the Music Tour will take place at the same time as this visit. We hope this information is helpful in forward planning.

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| • Battlefields Visit | Year 9       | Friday 15 June – Saturday 16 June approximate cost £200 |
| • Music Tour         | All Years    | same time as French Homestay approximate cost £595      |
| • Spanish Visit      | Years 9 / 10 | same time as French Homestay approximate cost £600      |

Finally, we appreciate that there may be some Year 9 and 10 students who study both French and Spanish. These students will need to express a preference for one visit. If your daughter's application is unsuccessful she may either go on the waiting list for her preferred visit or be entered into the draw for the other visit. Where this is the case, please return the reply slip and deposit cheque for each visit.

Yours sincerely



**Ms Jane Edmunds**  
Visit Organiser



**Mrs Sally Jarrett**  
Deputy Headteacher

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Learning / Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please (✓)**

I have read your letter dated 1 November and would like my daughter to take part in the French Homestay visit.

I enclose a cheque for £100 made payable to 'Wycombe High School Fund'

I understand that if I wish to withdraw my daughter from the trip at a later point that all monies paid may not be refundable and that if her behaviour gives serious cause for concern she risks being withdrawn from the visit.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For students in Years 9 / 10 who study French and Spanish only**

My daughter is in Year 9 / 10 and studies French and Spanish. She would prefer to go on the:

**Please (✓)**

• French Homestay

• Spanish Visit

If she is not allocated a place on her preferred visit, she would like to:

• go into the draw for the other visit

• be placed on the waiting list for her preferred visit

If she is unsuccessful in the second draw she would like to:

• be placed on the waiting list for her preferred visit

Please return to the Finance Office by **Wednesday 16 November**