

Paris information evening

Parent and student information event

Thursday, 21 May 2015



This evening's agenda

- Passports and medication
- Packing
- Free time and registration groups
- Safety and security
- Communication

Passports and medication

- Originals of passports and EHIC cards to be brought in by end of first week back after half term
- These will be kept safe in school and then looked after by the registering member of staff for the duration of the trip
- They will be made available to students if required as ID
- Returned to students on disembarking on the 9th
- Medication to be kept safe by registering teachers. Please bring with you on the morning at the latest. Exception: immediate-use e.g. inhalers, epi pens.

Equipment and packing



Reuters / Alvin Chan

Equipment and packing

- ▶ One cabin baggage-sized weekender or holdall
- ▶ One piece of hand luggage e.g. backpack to carry on excursions
- ▶ Washbag (contained within luggage)



Kit list

- One pair of jeans
- One tee-shirt or top per day
- One hoodie or cardigan
- A waterproof lightweight jacket
- A good pair of trainers or walking shoes
- Pyjamas
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Lightweight umbrella
- Underwear for 4 days



- Refillable water bottle
- Camera or smartphone
- Chargers
- A UK>European adapter (one per room group)
- Two pens, a pencil and a notebook or sketchbook
- Small washbag (don't forget your toothbrush!)

Accompanying staff

- ▶ Mr Gardner, Head of Languages
- ▶ Ms McCollin, MFL teacher and Head of Middle School (first aider)
- ▶ Ms Wooldridge, t/c Latin
- ▶ Mr Mace, Governor and seasoned traveller
- ▶ 1 more female member of staff (first aider)

Free time groups and registration

- ▶ Students **MUST ALL** register with their allocated adult for registration times which will happen on a regular basis every day
- ▶ For “free time” and activities, students can choose their own preferred groups
- ▶ These groups must be of **NO MORE THAN SIX AND NO LESS THAN FOUR**
- ▶ During free time, these groups must stay together at **ALL TIMES**
- ▶ All students supplied with emergency contact lanyards which they must wear throughout the trip



Free time and activities

- ▶ Shopping stops to and from Paris
- ▶ Arc de Triomphe (top of Champs Elysées)
- ▶ Notre Dame Parvis and gardens (ice-cream stop)
- ▶ Bateau-mouche boat trip
- ▶ Montmartre artist quarter
- ▶ Tuileries packed lunch stop
- ▶ Evening quiz nights / activities
- ▶ Parc Astérix



Accommodation

- ▶ Staying at the Premiere Classe Torcy near Marne-la-Vallée in the suburbs of Paris
- ▶ Rooms for 2-6 sharing a bathroom
- ▶ Staff allocated to each room
- ▶ Rooming chosen by staff, **assisted** by students' free time group choices



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Accommodation

- ▶ Staying at the Premiere Classe Torcy near Marne-la-Vallée in the suburbs of Paris
- ▶ A regular budget hotel
- ▶ Rooms for 2-6 sharing a bathroom
- ▶ Segregated by gender (no boy/girl mix)
- ▶ Staff allocated to each room
- ▶ Rooming chosen by staff, assisted by students' free time group choices



Safety and security

- ▶ Forbidden substances and weapons: students must not purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco, alcohol, explosive caps, BB guns & ammunition, knives incl. pocketknives, matches or lighters
- ▶ Appropriate footwear: comfortable flat shoes with cushioning
- ▶ Drinking water: bottles of water will be provided on the coach but students should ensure they have a water bottle (can be refilled at toilet stops)
- ▶ Behaviour policy – students are expected to represent the school at all times. Noise in particular in the hotel will not be tolerated. All instructions will be followed. Any students not adhering to these requirements may be sent home accompanied by a member of staff early at their own expense.
- ▶ Lanyards worn at all time
- ▶ Trip cost covers travel and personal accident insurance for all students – see Travelbound website for more details

Money and valuables

- ▶ Valuables: it is advisable NOT to bring valuable jewellery or watches
- ▶ All electronic equipment is at the risk of the owner
- ▶ Students should not have more than €100 on them in cash
- ▶ Check with your bank before departure that debit / credit cards can be used abroad and inform your bank of the trip
- ▶ Prepaid Mastercards are a good option (Post Office Travel Money card doesn't charge for payments except cash withdrawals)
- ▶ We recommend at least €20 per day for souvenirs and snacks/alternative lunches
- ▶ Money should be kept in a purse or wallet inside a zip pocket in your bag or a front trouser pocket

Communication

- ▶ All free time groups should have at least one working mobile between them
- ▶ Check with mobile service providers before you depart on costs / plans
- ▶ BE WARNED! DATA CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE!
- ▶ Wi-fi readily available so Skype, Whatsapp etc. best means of communication
- ▶ Blog entries will appear on the Languages blog at ghlanguages.weebly.com
- ▶ Follow @gildredgemfl on Twitter



Medical conditions

- ▶ Medical forms are available this evening and must be returned by next Friday
- ▶ ALL medication must be handed over to the party leader by the Friday before we depart or your child will not be permitted to leave
- ▶ Enough medication should be supplied for a full 7 days
- ▶ Dosage information clearly stated on the box

Educational activities

- ▶ All students will be given a “journal” and log their experiences
- ▶ French-language and culture quiz nights during our stay
- ▶ Tasks to complete for prizes e.g. buying a baguette, getting your photo taken with Panoramix
- ▶ Parc Astérix visit follows on from our study of “Astérix chez les Bretons”

Any questions?