October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

PARIS VISIT 9-13 June 2025

I am pleased to be able to offer pupils studying French in Year 8 the opportunity to visit Paris, in the summer term. The visit will take place from **9-13 June 2025 during the College's Activities Week.**

We will be based in a youth centre in the suburbs of Paris. The itinerary will include visits to the city's main sites, including the Eiffel tower, the river Seine, Montmartre, the Sacré-Coeur, the football stadium, Disneyland etc. Throughout the trip, pupils will have the chance to practise their French in souvenir shops and cafés. Evening activities will also be arranged.

Accommodation will be full board and travel will be by coach and ferry. The cost will be **£717**, inclusive of all travel, excursions, meals in France, and insurance cover. Meals for the journey are not included. Please be aware that this price is the initial price quoted from our travel company, at the time the enquiry was made. If the price does change, I will communicate this to you immediately.

Please check that your child has a **valid passport for the time of travel**. If your child is travelling on a non-British passport, they may also require a visa in order to travel.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please click on the appropriate link in the email and complete this form, which will be automatically returned to the Languages Department. The deadline for application to the Paris trip is **Monday 14 October**. Replies received after this date will not be considered.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, pupils' names will be entered into a draw. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, their name will be put on a waiting list. We will confirm your child's place by Tuesday 22 October, where after payments will be required as follows:

- 1. First instalment and non-refundable deposit of £239 by Friday 25 October 2024 to secure your child's place
- 2. Second instalment of £239 by Friday 6 December 2024
- 3. Third instalment of £239 by Friday 7 March 2025

Payments should, where possible, be made directly via WisePay. Please be aware that each payment must be received by the College by the cut-off dates above. If payment is not received without a satisfactory explanation, your child will be removed from the trip and the place will be offered to pupils on the reserve list. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss support with this payment plan.



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If your child has been eligible for a Free School Meal in the last six years, and you would like to apply for financial support, please email the trip leader (<u>ahobourn@sawstonvc.org</u>) and our Pupil Premium Co-ordinators, Mrs Wagstaff and Miss Tuckwood (<u>pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org</u>).

It is important that we only take with us on a school trip those pupils who have shown that they can behave responsibly. I hope you will understand that if any pupil is involved in serious misbehaviour before the date of departure, they will not be allowed to participate. The College reserves the right to retain any money already paid in such circumstances.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via reception or by sending a message to <u>ahobourn@sawstonvc.org</u>

Yours sincerely

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Miss A Hobourn Deputy Head of Modern Languages Faculty

Sawston Village College – Terms and conditions for educational visits

- Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of all information provided but some details may be subject to change. Where this is the case, parents will be informed at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Payments become non-refundable once a pupil has secured a place on the visit and must be paid in full, no later than the deadlines as outlined in the launch letter or in any subsequent confirmation letter. The College can accept cash and cheques, but its preferred method of payment is via WisePay.
- In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated at random through the drawing of lots.
- The College reserves the right to withdraw any pupil from the visit at any time.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that all contact and medical details provided are correct and that the visit leader is alerted immediately to any changes in circumstance or any issues that may have a bearing on pupils' behaviour and/or well-being during the visit.
- School rules and expectations around standards of behaviour apply at all times during the visit. Where an exception is made, for example over the requirement to wear school uniform, this will be communicated in writing to parents.
- Visit leaders reserve the right to sanction pupils in line with school policy both during the visit and on their return to school.
- If the behaviour of a pupil is such that the visit leader deems it necessary to remove them from the visit, parents will be expected to help facilitate their removal and will be liable for any additional costs incurred in the process. For example, parents would be responsible for the additional cost of transport back to school.