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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Art Trip to Paris - 4/11/24 to 7/11/24

A number of spaces have become available on the forthcoming Art and DT Trip to Paris this November. I would like to offer the remaining spaces to the Able and Gifted students who have expressed an interest in Art at GCSE. Unfortunately, if I am unable to fill these places the trip will not be viable.

Apologies for the short notice, but any interest in this trip will need to be registered immediately and deposits of £100 paid by Monday 17 June. Please complete the School Event and Medical Consent Form and return electronically or to the Finance office no later than Friday Lunchtime. If oversubscribed a computer will randomly select the students and we add the deposit payment to Parent Pay. The deposit is needed by Monday 17 June. Students will travel between 4 November to 7 November 2024.

Students will be travelling by Coach with a ferry crossing from Dover to Calais. During the trip students will visit the Louvre (home of the Mona Lisa), the L'Orangerie (home of Monet's Water Lilies), Musee d'Orsay. There is also a walking tour of Parisian Street Art and lots of opportunities to take in the famous sights of Paris.

The accommodation will be bed and breakfast. There will be multi-bedded rooms (bunk) for up to 6 students, hairdryer, en-suite toilet and shower/bath, television, towels provided, and air conditioning provided. It is a new hotel, close to the city centre and a 45-minute drive from Disneyland Paris. There are a couple of planned evening meals included and a lunch voucher. Students will need some money for a few lunchtime meals and food on travel days

As mentioned above, the visit will include a number of key highlights and excursions. This will include:

- 2 course evening meal with soft drink in a Paris restaurant
- 2 course meal at Brasserie Rosalie
- Lunch meal voucher
- Street art walking tour
- Visit to Montparnasse Tower
- Visit to Musee de l'Orangerie
- 1 game at bowling
- Front de Seine 1 hour return boat cruise on the River Seine



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- Visit to Disneyland Paris (1 Day, 2 Park Ticket) subject to cost and availability.
- Visit to Musee d'Orsay
- Self guided visit to the Louvre Bespoke

Please be aware the itinerary may be subject to change. We are running this trip with NST, a reputable and experienced school travel company.

Explicit instructions on where students are permitted to go, what they may do, and to where and when they should return will be given. No student is permitted to wander alone or outside the defined area. Students will be required to stay in small groups at all times, unless given specific instructions by a member of staff; the exact degree of freedom students will be given will depend upon the activity, but it will often require the whole group staying together. It is important that parents realise that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit, although staff will remain within the designated areas and will be available should difficulties arise.

In order for your child to secure a place on the trip we are asking parents to contribute of **£679** to cover the expense of the trip and will be paid in instalments. It is not compulsory for students to take part in the visit but the experience will enhance their learning opportunities and provide examples to better understand the work being covered during lessons. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled. Students are recommended to bring with them £30-50 per day spending money in Euros.

Students will need valid European Union passports and European Health Insurance Cards. Please inform me if your child holds a passport from a country outside the European Union on return of the slip below, students may need to gain the correct visas in advance. The cost of the trip does not allow for visas or passport applications.

No smoking, vaping or alcohol will be permitted on this trip. If you are interested in your son or daughter taking part, please return the attached consent form to the Finance office **by Friday 14 June**. Places on the trip will be randomly allocated by computer to ensure fairness should the trip be oversubscribed. **You do not need to enclose a deposit at this stage**. If your child is successful in gaining a place you will be notified and required to **pay a deposit of £100 by Monday 17 June**. It is important to note that should the payment deadline be missed your child's place on the trip may be in jeopardy. Unsuccessful students will be placed on a waiting list. In some cases, parents may be required to pay an additional insurance surcharge depending upon the personal medical circumstances of the student concerned. Please be aware that deposits are non-refundable and if a student is not able to attend the trip once payments have been made, we cannot guarantee a refund unless a replacement is found.

If your son or daughter is in receipt of pupil premium funding or bursary funding for Sixth Form students, and you wish to find out what assistance may be available to you please contact pp@st-martins.essex.sch.uk (Pupil Premium) or sixthform@st-martins.essex.sch.uk (Bursary).

Please be aware that if your son or daughter has an out-of-date medical health care plan, they will be unable to attend this visit. Please contact our school nurse on

<mailto:schoolnurse@st-martins.essex.sch.uk> with the updated plan well in advance of the trip.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on mlivings@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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