

MSN/SCVD/cbk

September 2009

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Proposed Mathematics Trip to Paris, Activities Week June / July 2010**

Following the success of last year's Mathematics Paris Trip we are proposing to offer the four day trip to Paris from June 29 to July 2 2010 again. This trip is available to all Year 8 pupils and is an exciting opportunity for your son to take part in a relevant extra-curricular activity.

#### **Why have we chosen this trip?**

Mathematics in Paris is the first such tour offered to mathematics departments in the UK. It is a unique opportunity to experience mathematics abroad and in situ. The tasks and questions are location-based, they show maths in context and they reveal an applicability and relevance of the subject that cannot be realised or achieved within the classroom.

Many mathematics topics will be covered and your son will also be expected to use enterprise skills to solve problems during the trip.

#### **The Itinerary**

##### **Day 1**

Departure from school by coach, travel to Paris via Dover and Calais. There will be mathematical tasks to complete on the journey.

Dinner and overnight stay at a 2\* hotel in Paris.

##### **Day 2**

Morning – visit to La Villette City of Science and Mathematics.

Afternoon – various mathematical activities at the following locations: the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre Pyramid, the Palais Royal Courtyard and the Invalides Gardens.

Dinner.

Evening Trip to the Eiffel Tower.

Overnight stay in the hotel.

##### **Day 3**

All day visit to Disneyland Paris.

Mathematical activities- and a chance to have some fun!

Dinner & overnight stay in the hotel.

##### **Day 4**

Travel back to school via Calais and Dover.

## Costs

The price will include all travel costs, entry fees, dinner, bed and breakfast, tour guides and insurance.

We envisage the cost to be £300 to £320 per pupil (depending on the numbers travelling). We will be happy to spread payment over a number of months to help budgeting. If you wish to pay in this manner please contact me in confidence to discuss the options available.

## Passports

Under European Union Law, all members of the party must **travel with their own individual valid passport** along with a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC card).

## Other important information

As you will appreciate, the proposed dates are a very popular time of the year for school trips. In order to proceed, I must make a provisional booking as soon as possible. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete the attached reply slip and return it to me with a non-refundable £50 deposit by **Friday 16 October 2009 at the latest**. Cheques to be made payable to The Forest School, with your son's name and tutor group on the reverse.

**It is important that parents /carers of all pupils return this reply slip stating whether or not they wish their son to participate.**

Once I have an indication of numbers, I will write to you again with the exact costs and place a provisional booking.

Please note that the participation of any pupil who has been excluded is automatically considered at Senior Leadership Team level. Equally, your son may lose his right to be considered for a place by virtue of his behaviour record and/or because he represents an unacceptable risk to the trip organiser, other pupils and himself. When such a situation arises, each pupil is considered on an individual basis, and our judgement as to whether a boy is able to participate will be based on whether the trip is an essential element of the exam or course requirements, the pupil's individual circumstances, the nature, length and frequency of their exclusions and the potential risk they represent to the trip organiser, other pupils and themselves.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if, at this stage, you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Sanderson  
Subject Team Leader Mathematics

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**REPLY SLIP – PARIS TRIP 2010.**

**Please return this reply slip to Mr M Sanderson, Mathematics department by Friday 16th October 2009 at the latest.**

**Please delete as appropriate.**

- 1) I would like my son to take part in the proposed Mathematics in Paris Trip in 2010. I enclose a cheque made payable to the Forest School for £50 with my son's name and tutor group is written on the reverse.  
**I understand that this is a non-refundable deposit.**
- a) I have read the information about the proposed visit and I agree to my child taking part in the visit and the activities included in the school's letter. I declare my child fit enough to undertake the activities.
  - b) I am willing to contribute a £50 deposit towards the proposed visit.
  - c) I will notify the organiser of any ailment, allergy, condition or diet that requires the attention of the organiser (e.g. hay fever, allergies, asthma).
  - d) I authorise the organiser to act on my behalf in an emergency and to sign on my behalf any consent forms required by medical authorities if they know that it would not be advisable to wait for my own signature.
  - e) I understand that my child should behave acceptably and should not be involved in buying or using cigarettes, alcohol or drugs.

**OR**

- 2) I do not wish my son to take part in the proposed Mathematics in Paris Trip.

Pupil Name: ..... Tutor Group : .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(parent / carer)