

October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 12 Visit to Paris for Dual English Language and Literature A Level students

This year we are delighted to offer Dual English Language and Literature A Level students the opportunity to visit Paris for 4 days at the start of July 2025. Students will be studying a number of texts in the 'Representations of Paris' anthology and this constitutes approximately 15% of their A Level. The trip will offer a first-hand experience of being a tourist in Paris, taking in such sights as The Louvre, Place de la Concorde and Pere-Lachaise Cemetery, as well as giving students the chance to strengthen their knowledge of how language is used in a range of non-fiction guides to represent the diversity of the city.

Organised by the well-established Tour Operator, Diverse School Travel, we are travelling on Tuesday 1st July 2025 to Friday 4th July 2025. The price will include the following:

- Return train travel from Harrogate to London Kings Cross (with LNER)
- Return travel to Paris by Eurostar
- Half board accommodation – four days (three nights) with evening meals at the hotel on two of the three nights and a typical French style restaurant lunch on Day 3
- Visit to the Eiffel Tower
- River Cruise on the famous Bateaux-Mouches
- Visit to the Jardin des Tuileries
- Visit to the Louvre
- Visit to Musee d'Orsay, Place de la Concorde & Pere-Lachaise Cemetery
- A trip to see the Shakespeare Book Shop and visit to the Latin Quarter
- Comprehensive travel insurance

In addition to the tour cost, your child will need approximately £15 approx per day for a 'grab and go' style lunch.

The trip is limited to 25 students across the Associated Sixth Form.

Cost

The cost of the trip is dependent on the number of students that attend; however, we anticipate the cost will be in the region of £680 - £750 per student

St Aidan's ParentPay / How to Reserve a Place

To give parents time to discuss the Paris trip with their child in conjunction with the other trip opportunities available in the Associated Sixth Form, the St Aidan's ParentPay will open on Thursday 17th October 2024 and close at 9.00am on Thursday 24th October 2024.

Please note the trip is **not** available on the St John Fisher's ParentPay. If you require an activation code for the St Aidan's ParentPay, please email parentpay@staidans.co.uk It is important to include your child's name in the email.

Following your discussions, if your child would like to apply for a place on the trip, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £100.00 **by 9am Thursday 24th October 2024**.

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay whilst making your deposit payment. Please note that by ticking the box online, you are agreeing for your child to take part on the trip, the cost, and confirming that their medical details which we hold at school are up to date.

Please note places on this trip are not allocated on a first come-first served basis; if the deposit payment is received by 9.00am on Thursday 24th October 2023, all students will have an equal chance of being successful.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by members of the Senior Leadership Team using a random generator and parents will be advised on **Thursday 24th October** if a place has been reserved or if the student has been added to a waiting list.

Instalment Payments

The final price of the trip will be confirmed in April 2025 when we have the final numbers of students attending and the associated costs of the trip. The payments are as follows:

Deposit payment	£150.00 by Thursday 24 th October 2024
2 nd payment	£150.00 by Friday 29 November 2024
3 rd payment	£150.00 by Friday 31 January 2025
4 th payment	£150.00 by Monday 31 March 2025
Final payment	£150.00 approximately by Wednesday 30 April 2024

Reminder emails will be sent to parents before each deadline date together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

Important Financial Information

Please note that payments made for this trip are non-refundable as we are bound by the booking conditions of our suppliers.

Whilst we offer instalment payments for the trip, please note that if your child withdraws after Thursday 24th October 2024, you will be required to pay any cancellation charges imposed on us by Diverse Travel if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. We therefore ask that you take the time to discuss this trip in detail with your child to make sure they are fully committed before you make any payment.

Passports

Students will need their own valid passport with at least 6 months remaining before the expiry date at the time of the trip together with a GHIC card. Please note if your child does not hold a British passport, it is your responsibility to request the relevant visas to travel to Europe.

Behaviour

School residential trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's and when accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. Trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments and students must be able to demonstrate an increased level of responsibility and maturity. To participate in any trip, the school staff must be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Please note this trip operates a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol. We reserve the right to send home any student who we regard as having breached this rule which may require contacting parents to collect their child. The Headteacher would like to make clear that failure to observe this rule will potentially jeopardise a student's place in the Sixth Form.

Should you have any queries about the trip prior to paying the deposit or have concerns about making the deposit payment at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact either Victoria Goold, the Trips Administrator, (trips@staidans.co.uk) or myself.

Regards

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