



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 French Trip 2022

We are delighted to be able to launch the 2022 French trip, offering 120 of our Year 7 students the opportunity to spend a short time in Northern France. The students will go in two separate groups of 60 according to population.

The dates for the summer trip to Northern France will be:

- **Trip 1** – Monday 4 July to Wednesday 6 July 2022 Forms: 7SJA, 7KZG, 7JXC, 7SMV, 7JRT
- **Trip 2** – Monday 18 July to Wednesday 20 July 2022 Forms: 7RLD, 7JAO, 7SXL, 7CMM, 7KRG

We will leave school very early on day 1 and will arrive in France late in the afternoon. During the trip we will visit a boulangerie, a chocolaterie and a snail farm. We will also fit in some shopping at a French hypermarket. More than anything, the real goal of this trip is to give our students a fun and positive first experience of foreign adventure, within a safely structured school-trip environment. We will have 2 nights in a hotel and will arrive home on day 3 between 9pm and 11pm. Please note that trips are subject to alteration.

The cost of the three-day trip will be £299 – this includes 2 nights' accommodation, meals and packed lunches, travel and insurance and all entry costs.

Students will require a **current passport** with **at least 6 months left before expiry at the time of the trip** and a **GHIC** (Global Health Insurance Card). Please note - if your child requires a GHIC, they can be obtained *free of charge* from the NHS website. Websites trying to sell them should be avoided. If your child does not hold a British Passport, you will need to check if any other documentation is required for entry to France.

This trip has always been over-subscribed and places will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first served basis on the time payments are received.

Online payments will be open from **the afternoon of Monday 22 November**. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the trip, please pay the initial deposit of £100 online as soon as possible by clicking on this link: [HGS Online payments](#). **If you are unable to locate the payment option online, it will be because the trip has been filled.**

Payment schedule:

- The initial deposit of £100 (non-returnable) by **Friday 26 November 2021**.
- The second payment of £100 will be due by **Friday 10 December 2021**.
- The final payment of £99 will be due by **Friday 11 March 2022**.

If you would prefer to pay in smaller instalments, that is also possible through our online system as long as instalments are received in line with the set payment deadlines.

This trip has been booked through a reputable schools' travel company and as with any trip booked through a travel company, withdrawing your child from the trip incurs a tiered cancellation penalty charge. This could mean that in the event of any cancellation not caused by the school or the travel company, these costs will be passed on to the parent/carers unless a suitable replacement is found. Emails will be sent to parents to confirm places once the trip has been filled. For students who are unsuccessful, a reserve list will be created.

Covid-19 requirements

Rules and expectations regarding COVID have been changing on both the English and French sides, but we prepare for the trip being ready to adapt and with the priority of it going ahead safely. With this in mind, when making your initial deposit to register for the trip, you are agreeing that:

- your child must take a PCR or lateral flow test within the 48 hours pre-departure and cannot take part if positive. Insurance will cover the cost of your trip if this happens.
- your child will not be able to take part if displaying any COVID-symptoms on departure. Insurance will cover the cost of your trip if this happens.
- your child will not be able to take part if they are in contact with anyone testing positive for COVID in the 14 days leading up to the trip. Insurance will cover the cost of your trip if this happens.
- you would be prepared, in the event of your child testing positive for COVID pre-departure from France, that you would travel to France yourself to isolate with them in France. You would be required to pay the initial travel and hotel costs, however the insurance package would fully reimburse these costs.
- upon their return to the UK, your child must take a test on or before day 2 – arrival day is day 0.

Please also complete the slips below and return them in an envelope clearly marked **'Year 7 Trip to Northern France'** by Friday 26 November, **after paying the initial deposit online**. The envelope should be placed into the 'Trips and Visits' letterbox, located next to Reception.

Along with your reply slip, please also include a **copy** of your son/ daughter's **passport and GHIC card** in the trips and visits box if you already have this available as this will help with the trip administration. If not, please send this in as soon as possible.

Please also note that any child placed in re-integration due to poor behaviour during Year 7 will not be allowed to go on the trip.

Yours sincerely



Miss Page

Programme Leader, French

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I give permission for (student name) Form

to take part in the Year 7 French Trip to Northern France. I have read the information provided so far and I agree to their participation. I am aware that further details will follow at the parent information evening. I acknowledge the need for responsible behaviour on their part and I understand that there is some level of risk in every activity but that this visit will be managed to minimise the risks involved.

Please also note that, for the purposes of this trip, we will be using the medical and contact details held on the school system. **Please make sure these are updated if any of these details change by emailing mail@hgs.rkt.co.uk.**

Please tick:

- I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £100 online via [Scopay](#)
- I have included a copy of my child's passport and GHIC.
(These can be sent later if not currently available but please send as soon as possible)
- I have read, understood and agree to the Covid-19 requirements outlined above.

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Signed:

Parent/Carer Date:

In the event of an emergency while in France, I give permission for staff supervising the trip to make decisions considered in the best interest of my son/ daughter*. This includes any medical treatment.

Student name:

Parent/Carer name (print):

Signed:

* Please note in the event of any student requiring medical assistance, parents would always be contacted at the first available opportunity and wherever possible before any treatment is given. However, in French hospitals, they do often ask for written permission from parents in order to allow a staff member to sanction treatment.