



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Enrichment Week Y8 Paris Residential 2025

Thank you for your support so far regarding our trip to Paris. As we are now 10 weeks away from our journey, we feel it is important to share with you some information regarding the trip, to ensure you and your child are well prepared.

1. Itinerary

We have attached the provisional itinerary for the trip below.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dMNDpGq04ZJx1VR7CCvGMA6oLhZ8SrcjhogNwqOv-zQ/edit?usp=sharing>

The departure time from school on **Monday 30 June 2025** will be **4.15AM**, however, the arrival time back at school could be subject to change, due to delays at port. Therefore, the school will send a text message with an estimated time of arrival back to school to ensure parents are not waiting around for their child.

2. Accommodation

We will be staying at the **B&B Hotel Saint-Denis Porte De Paris**. The hotel offers rooms for between 2-3 people and will provide breakfast each day. They will also provide a packed lunch on Tuesday-Friday. For more information about the accommodation please visit <https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/saint-denis-porte-de-paris>

3. Clothing

Pupils can wear their own clothes, with sturdy sensible shoes for walking around outdoors. In Northern France the weather is very similar to the UK but can be slightly warmer. Every pupil should bring sufficient clothes for four full days, comfortable clothes are essential for the different type of activities offered. We strongly recommend hats and sun cream as well as a raincoat. A wash bag, pyjamas and towel will be necessary as well. Although pupils will not be expected to wear uniform, we will expect them to wear appropriate clothing, therefore no short shorts or revealing tops will be allowed.

4. Food

On the Monday students will need to bring with them a breakfast and packed lunch as we will not reach our accommodation until the evening. All other meals will be provided throughout the trip. Obviously where possible students can buy lunch/snacks but this will not be guaranteed, due to timings of the activities on each day. In addition, **please make sure your child has a refillable bottle of water**.

5. Money

As well as money necessary for snacks and drinks, pupils will almost certainly wish to buy things whilst abroad. Pupils often buy presents and souvenirs from the variety of places they visit. The amount is at your discretion, but we would recommend no more than £30-£50. This could be in



cash, card or phone, but please be aware if using a debit card/phones, they may be charged a small fee for any payments/withdrawals.

6. Mobile phones

We strongly encourage your child to bring a mobile phone which will need to be registered to work abroad, most phones will do this, however, additional charges will be issued

We also advise packing a portable charger, just to ensure the phones can remain charged.

7. Medical

It is essential that your child has their own regular medication if they usually take this, i.e. If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have inhalers with them. Travel sickness tablets will be essential for students who suffer from travel sickness (travel bands for the arm wrist are also very efficient). In case of any accidents or emergencies, UK Global Health Insurance Card - GHIC (formally an EHIC card) will need to be carried with your child at all times. these are available online free of charge <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

8. Luggage

One small suitcase/travel bag per pupil which will be stored in the hold of the coach whilst travelling. Please ensure luggage labels are firmly attached to suitcases, and they are correctly and clearly filled in. A second small bag will be needed, such as a rucksack, big enough for their waterproof, packed lunch and water bottle. Passports should be kept in these on travel days.

9. Supervision

The accompanying staff will be available to pupils at all times. When we are on excursions, pupils will be allowed to look around unaccompanied in groups of at least three. A lot of trust and responsibility will be placed on the pupils during the trip. Pupils will be put into a teacher's group for ease of registering. Pupils will be given an emergency contact phone number also.

10. Passport

All pupils must have their own full passport. Their passport is only valid if issued less than 10 years before and valid for at least 3 months after the envisaged departure date. Each pupil will be responsible for carrying their own passport. They must keep it in a very safe place inside their bags.

Finally, I would like to invite you to an information evening, where we will share with parents the final itinerary and open the floor to questions. This will be held from **4.00 to 4.30pm on Thursday 15 May 2025**. Please click on this link to register your attendance [attendance form](#) If you cannot attend, a copy of the presentation will be sent out. If you still have questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Matthews

