

22 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Rewards Trip to Disneyland Paris – December 2023

As we are closer to the much-anticipated trip, please note the following details final preparation.

Accommodation

We are staying at the Dream Castle Hotel.

Address: 40 Av. de la Fosse des Pressoirs, 77703 Magny-le-Hongre, France

Phone: [+33 1 64 17 90 00](tel:+33164179000)

With support, students have organised themselves into rooms. Each student has their own single bed in either a sharing room of 2 singles or 3 singles.

There is a pool at the hotel, but this not to be used by our students and staff. It is not part of our trip and therefore prohibited to us. Students have been informed of this, please also re-iterate this as a further safety precaution.

Travel Documents

Please ensure that passports and GHIC cards are brought into the academy by Friday 1 December 2023. Once brought to me, I will check the details against those logged on ParentPay and then store them in the academy safe. This will ensure there are no last-minute worries before we travel.

Staff will look after travel documents until we return to the academy and then they will be returned to students.

We have travel insurance provided by Endsleigh Insurance, Acorn Travel Group Ltd.



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Luggage

Students have been previously advised to pack light. The walking tour of Paris could prove difficult if students have overpacked. It is advisable to use a back pack rather than a case, which can then be carried on the tour.

Alternatively, students could store their luggage in the lockers at Gare-du-Nord, our arrival train station in Paris. There is a charge of 5.50 - 9.50 euros to use the lockers. Details are available on the link below.

<https://uk.tourisme93.com/left-luggage-gare-du-nord-paris.html>

Students should bring clothing and shoes suitable for being outdoors most of the day. The weather is forecast to be similar to the UK. Warm clothing such as a waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarf and a pair of sensible, comfortable shoes. Sleep wear and basic toiletries will need to be brought also.

Unlike airlines, there is no limit to the size or amount of liquid that can be brought onto the Eurostar. Eurostar rules state baggage should have a maximum size of 75 x 53 x 30 cm. Details are available on the link below.

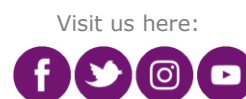
<https://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travel-info/travel-planning/luggage>

On the last day in the Disneyland Park, students will have their luggage with them. They can choose to store it at the park or carry it with them. There is a charge of 5.50 - 9.50 euros to use the lockers. Details are available on the link below.

<https://www.disneylandparis.com/en-gb/guest-services/guest-storage/>

Travel money and personal items

Students should have their means of payment well prepared and have a safe, suitable place to keep it on them at all times including access to Euros and British pounds. Students are advised to limit the personal items and belongings they bring with them. Students are responsible for the safety of their own items.



Disney Priority Card

Students who enquired about application of a priority card for faster queuing at rides, have been advised that applications are only accepted by Disney with the following evidence:

1. Disability Living Allowance
2. Attendance Allowance Award
3. Personal Independence Payment
4. Parking Card for Disabled People
5. Armed Forces Compensation Scheme
6. National Disability Card ID
7. Disabled ID
8. Access Card
9. Registration Card BD8
10. Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI)
11. Disabled Student's Allowance
12. Scottish Child Disability Payment

If students wish for me to make an application on their behalf, they need to bring up to date evidence by Tuesday 28 November 2023.

Further details on the link.

<https://www.disneylandparis.com/en-gb/guest-services/priority-card/>

Student Mobile Phones

Please check with student's phone providers regarding access to services and charges whilst in Paris. This will be the best way to contact your child whilst they are on the trip.

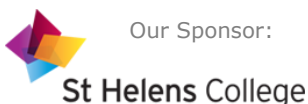
Emergency Contacts

If case of an emergency, parents and carers can contact staff on the trip using the following phone number: 07511825849

Food and drink

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel on Thursday 8 December and Friday 9 December.

All other food and drink will need to be purchased and organised by students. Staff will identify key places during the trip for students to access reasonably priced food and drink.



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Student Groups

Students must stay in groups of 3 or more at all times to ensure maximum safety.

Travel itinerary

We travel Wednesday 6 until Friday 8 December 2023.

The plan is as follows:

Wednesday 6 December 2023:

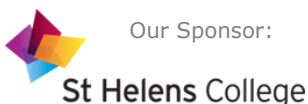
- 1.45am- Students arrive at the academy car park. Students make their own way to the academy.
- 2.00am - Depart the academy by coach. 45-minute comfort break planned on route. Students to bring drinks and snacks for the couch journey.
- 8.22am - Arrive at train station, St Pancras International
- 10.22am - Depart train station on Eurostar
- 1.47pm - Arrive Paris Gare du Nord
- 2.00pm- Walking tour of Paris. See tourist sites of Eiffel Tower, Arc Du Triumph and Notre Dame Cathedral, route TBC.
- 7.30pm- group gathering to visit supermarket for water and snacks for hotel and collect any luggage in lockers.
- 9.00pm - Coach transfer from Gare du Nord train station to hotel
- 10.00pm - Arrive accommodation Dream Castle Hotel

Thursday 7 December 2023:

- 10.00am - Visit Disneyland Paris (Hopper tickets are included for entry to both parks for two days)
- 9.00pm- Town Square Disneyland Park for fireworks and supermarket for drinks and snacks
- 11.00pm- return to Dream Castle Hotel

Friday 8 December 2023:

- 9.00am - Depart Dream Castle Hotel
- 10.00am - Visit Disneyland Paris
- 1.00pm- Town Square Disneyland Park group gathering to visit supermarket for drinks and snacks for journey
- 2.30pm - Coach from Disneyland to Gare du Nord station.
- 3.30pm - Arrive at train station, Paris Gare du Nord
- 6.32pm - Arrive at train station, St Pancras International
- 6.45pm - Start of return to the academy by coach. 45-minute comfort break planned on route.
- 11.50pm Students to make their own way home from the academy



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I really appreciate your support with this these last few details. If you have further questions, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

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