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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Year 11, 12 and 13 (current Year 10, 11 & 12) Study Visit to Futuroscope, France.  
(Saturday 22 October to Wednesday 26 October 2022 during October half-term holidays)**

The Modern Languages Department are pleased to be able to offer the students studying French in Year 11, 12 and 13 (next school year 2022-23) the opportunity to visit Poitiers (including Futuroscope), La Rochelle, Ile de Ré and Tours this October. Students will visit various places of interest and historical, linguistic and cultural importance which we know will enhance their understanding of the French language and culture and also make links into Arden's GCSE French heritage, new technology and cinema at A-Level. These elements will help students gain an understanding of the language needed in order to study French for GCSE and A-Level examinations.

The proposed visit details are as follows:

**Dates:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October-Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (during October half-term holidays)

**Cost:** £555.00\*\* approx. (final cost to be confirmed when we know number of attendees; final payment will be adjusted)

**Accommodation:** 4 nights' full board in the 2 star 'Hôtel Futuroscope' – packed lunches and 4 evening meals – 3 at the hotel and 1 at a local restaurant.

**Proposed activities:**

- Futuroscope Theme Park, Poitiers
- La Rochelle, visit of the port, aquarium and its historic towers
- Visit to Ile de Ré, a beautiful small island off the west coast of France
- Excursion to Château Chinon, a 1000-year-old castle, once inhabited by Henry II of England
- Visits of Tours, a Roman city
- Excursion and shopping in Poitiers, a picturesque, historic town
- Some free time may be available in small groups at various locations

**Transport:** Coach to/from France, with either ferry or Eurotunnel, and excursions by coach.

The cost also includes the school's travel insurance with RPA. Students should also bring some pocket money to buy souvenirs and any other drinks/snacks other than those provided.

Places for this visit are limited to 45 students and if you would like your son/daughter to take part, would you please complete the attached Parental Consent Form and return this to me and also make a first deposit payment of £50.00 via ParentPay, both by 9:00am on Thursday 26 May.



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**Please note places will NOT be allocated on this visit on a first come first served basis.** In the event of there being more than 45 students interested, the names of those who have submitted forms will be placed in a draw to determine attendees on the visit and successful students will be informed on Friday 27 May. If you wish to pay via PayPoint, please contact the Finance Team for a barcode letter.

The names of students who have not been allocated a place will be placed on a waiting list; this list will also be drawn. Deposits paid by any students who do not form part of the group of 45 students confirmed on the visit will have their first deposit refunded.

**Deposit: £50 by 9am 26 May 2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: £75 by 22 June 2022

Final Payment: £430 by 6 September 2022 (this figure will be confirmed when the final cost is known)

**N.B.** For those confirmed as having a place the **first deposit of £50.00 is non-refundable** and cancellation charges may apply if a place is withdrawn/cancelled, unless a replacement can be arranged. Cancellation charges may be reclaimed (less policy excess) if withdrawal is for an insurable reason.

**Important - Students:** If your child does not comply with the entry requirements (including COVID entry requirements) for France that are in force at the time of travel they will be unable to travel and all monies paid will be forfeited.

If your child is unable to travel due to an insurable reason, monies paid will be refunded after deducting any insurance excess.

**Important – Current Year 11 Students**

If your child is not a pupil at Arden Academy at the time of the trip, or is not studying French at Arden Academy they will be ineligible for the trip and any monies paid will be forfeited.

**Pupil Premium Funding**

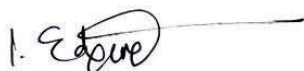
This visit is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding – Categories A & B. Please contact Mrs Cox in the School Office on 01564 732647 for further information.

In the event of insufficient interest and the visit not proving viable, I will write to you and arrange for a refund of the deposit paid.

All students will require their own passport and **please make sure you have read and comply with the current entry requirements for France** (<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>). These could change, so please check regularly.

Please check the passport is in date and, if necessary, arrange to apply, renew etc. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely



**Mr I Edgington**

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Visit: **Key Stage 4 and 5 Visit to Poitiers**

Student's FULL NAME as per passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality (as per passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Trip: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Tick

1. I have read the information about the proposed events and I agree to my child taking part. I declare my child fit enough to undertake the activities.
2. I have made a first deposit payment, via ParentPay, of £50.00 which IS NON REFUNDABLE unless my child does not have a place confirmed on the trip. If you wish to pay via PayPoint, please contact the Finance Team for a barcode letter.
3. I understand that that cancellation charges may apply if my child's place is cancelled.
4. I will **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 s/he feels that it would not be advisable to wait for my own signature.
5. I understand and accept that my child may be withdrawn from the visit if his/her behaviour in school prior to the visit is unacceptable. This particularly applies to behaviour that leads to concerns about trust and the safety of other pupils.
6. I understand and accept that should my child be sent home as a result of unacceptable behaviour I will reimburse any reasonable additional costs incurred by the school.
7. \* I understand that I am required to check Covid related entry requirements for France at the time of the trip that are required for my child to participate and will comply with these. (added on for clarity on Covid vaccinations) – please see <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>
8. \* For Current Year 11s only: I have read and I understood the specific details relating to Year 11s contained in this letter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Mr I Edgington in the Language Office by 9am on 26 May 2022 (to tie in with the deadline for the deposit).**