

Dear Parents/Carers

## TRIP TO PARIS – WEDNESDAY 7TH TO FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2027

We are pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in our MFL trip to Paris from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th July 2027. This trip is for 44 Year 8 and 9 students as of September 2026, who are currently studying French.

As well as being a valuable cultural and social experience for our students, past trips have shown that our students make very rapid progress in the foreign language on such visits and their listening and speaking skills develop significantly after time in the country. In addition, 'Paris' is one of the main topics in our Year 8 curriculum, so this trip will be the opportunity for your child to see Parisian monuments we have learnt about in lesson.

### TRIP DETAILS:

- **Destination:** Paris, France
- **Date and Times:** Wednesday 7th July 2027 to Friday 9th July 2027 – Depart from school in the early morning, returning in the evening. Specific times will be known later once all the bookings have taken place.
- **Activities:** Visit of the Cité des Sciences, visit of the Eiffel Tower, Bateaux-Mouches excursion on the Seine.
- **Transport:** Specialist coach with experienced drivers, ferry or Eurotunnel crossing in the coach.
- **Supervision:** The trip will be led by Miss Ronckier and supported by five staff (including trip leader), with a ratio of 1 adult to 8.8 students.

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## **COST AND PAYMENT:**

The total cost of the trip is expected to be around **£500**, which covers transport, accommodation, entry fees for our visits and activities, insurance, two dinners (on 7th and 8th, breakfasts on 8th and 9th, and packed lunches for 8th and 9th.

Once your child's place has been confirmed, payment must be made via ParentMail as follows:

Friday 7th September 2026	£100
Friday 2nd October 2026	£100
Friday 27th November 2026	£100
Friday 1st January 2027	£50
Friday 26 February 2027	£100
Friday 26th March 2027	£50

If meeting any deadline will be an issue for you, please email our Finance Team: [finance@braunton.academy](mailto:finance@braunton.academy) to arrange a personalised payment plan.

## **THIS/ALL PAYMENT/S IS/ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

You are required to make a compulsory payment of **£218** - which covers the board and lodgings element of the trip and a voluntary contribution of **£282** which will cover all other costs of the trip.

However, the school will not be able to bear the cost of this trip. It will not be able to take place unless parents who are able to are willing to, contribute a total of **£500** per student.

We will work closely with all families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at the Academy. We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our school from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events that take place in more than 50% of school time. We provide funding support for eligible FSM students in accordance with our Charging and Remission Policy. If your child is eligible for FSM, then this residential trip will only have board and lodgings of £218 funded by the Academy.

Please contact the Finance Manager as soon as you register for the trip if your child is in receipt of FSM and you would like to contribute towards the full cost of this trip and not receive the funding support explained above.

## **ALLOCATION OF PLACES WHEN A TRIP IS OVERSUBSCRIBED**

When the number of applications exceeds the number of available places, we allocate places using a random selection process to ensure every eligible student has an equal opportunity to attend. This approach is used to maintain fairness and transparency for all families.

**DURING THE ALLOCATION PROCESS, THE TRIP LEADER WILL ALSO TAKE THE FOLLOWING FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT:**

- Whether a student has already taken part in other school trips, so that opportunities can be shared as evenly as possible.
- Attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning, to ensure the trip is safe, positive and appropriate for all participants.

**ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDE TO LEARNING**

Student attendance, behaviour, and attitude to learning throughout the school year is vital. If a student's attendance, behaviour, or engagement in learning falls below Braunton Academy's standards and expectations then they may be removed from the trip at any point and no monies paid up to that point will be refunded.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Students should bring a good backpack for their packed lunches, water bottle, suncream, potentially waterproof jacket, and they should wear comfortable, safe clothing appropriate to visit a museum, go up the Eiffel Tower and walk around Paris, to ensure they are prepared for the day's activities. In line with our Smartphone-Free Policy, smartphones are not permitted on this trip. Simple mobile phones may be brought if needed, but normal school rules apply - they must remain switched off and kept in a bag throughout the day.

For residential trips, any simple phones brought by students must be handed to the trip leader overnight, where they will be stored safely until the following morning.

**PERMISSION:**

Please complete the Expression of Interest form by 9.00 am on Monday 6th July 2026. If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact

[trips@braunton.academy](mailto:trips@braunton.academy)

Yours sincerely

**Miss Ronckier**