

# Oakfield Academy visit Paris

## JUNE 2025



7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents,

Our preparations for the Year 8 trip to Paris are well underway. I will meet this week with all the pupils to talk to them about accommodation wishes and to provide them with a trip kit list. I will only know precise accommodation details two weeks before departure but I do now have some travel information that I would like to share with you as well as answering some questions that many parents have.

We will be meeting at Oakfield Academy at **3.00 AM on Monday 9 June** and will return around **9.00PM on Friday 13 June**. We will be travelling to Dover where we will cross the Channel with Irish Ferries. The pupils will need to take a packed lunch on the Monday and will need around £10 to buy dinner on the ferry on the way back. We should arrive at our accommodation around 6.00pm on the Monday evening.

**Clothing** : I will provide pupils with a kit list but please make sure pupils have suitable (labelled) clothing and good shoes/trainers for walking. The weather in Paris in June is generally warm and sunny so a hat and suncream is essential, as is a water bottle.

**Passports** : Pupils will need their own passport with a minimum of three months validity on the day we leave. We will keep the passports in the safe at our accommodation and return them when we go through customs in Calais. Please apply for a GHIC. This is free and takes around 7 days to arrive. We will need to collect in passports after the May half term as we will need to scan them into the Irish Ferries website.

**Money** : All food and drink is included, apart from the packed lunch on the first day and the £10 for the return journey. Pupils will not need lots of money but may wish to buy snacks/souvenirs etc. A maximum of £50 is recommended in Euros. If you wish for us to look after the money then please put this in a sealed envelope with your child's name and tutor group.

**Mobile phones** : We understand that pupils may wish to bring a mobile phone. This will be your child's responsibility. You may wish to take out additional insurance against loss/theft. Pupils will need to use their phones responsibly and we will ask pupils to speak to teachers first if they have any issues on the trip rather than ringing home.

I understand that you may have further questions. With this in mind, I would like to invite you to a parent information evening on **Wednesday 21 May at 4.45 pm**. This will give me an opportunity to answer any questions that you may have as well as going through the itinerary with you.

Yours sincerely,

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