2 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

NICE (South of France) RESIDENTIAL TRIP -21 JUNE – 24 JUNE 2028 (3 NIGHTS/4 DAYS)

We are delighted to announce the details of our educational school trip to Nice, South of France. Nice is an exciting destination that will provide your child/children with inspiration and experiences that will stay with them for life. This trip will give your child/children an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom in a fun and stimulating environment; whilst a constant emphasis on education and the curriculum will be maintained throughout the trip.

The trip will be available to those students currently in Year 7 and Year 8 who will subsequently be in Year 8 and Year 9 of the academic year 2027/28.

The key information about the trip can be found below. Please read this carefully.

- 4 days and 3 nights
- Departs on 21 June 2028
- Returns on 24 June 2028
- The total cost of the trip is £880 per pupil
- The purpose of the trip is to enhance pupil enjoyment of language learning and develop interest and enthusiasm for the country and the language.
- The group size is 40 pupils and 4 staff from Priory

The full trip itinerary for this trip is attached.

The price includes:

- Return flights from Liverpool/Manchester Airport to Nice International Airport
- Return coach transfer to and from the airport
- Full board accommodation at Hotel Monsigny (breakfast, lunch and evening meal)
- Group travel insurance
- Entry to all excursions and activities including:

  Nice Old Town and Le Chateau

  Parfumerie Fragonard – Grasse

  Day trip to Monaco with a visit to the Prince's Palace, Oceanographic Museum, Top Cars Collection and the Grand Prix circuit.

  Visit to the Perched Villages

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In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that pupils have approx. £150 spending money for the trip. This could be used for souvenirs, snacks etc.

Pupils will also require a valid passport with a minimum of six months prior to expiry and additional visas where relevant.

Each child will also need their own Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) for UK residents, and instructions on how to obtain this will be available if required.

How can I secure a place for my child?

- To secure a place for your child on this residential visit, a non-refundable deposit of £250.00 is required, along with consent via SCOPay by Friday, 27 November 2026.
- A second payment of £265 is required by Friday, 5 March 2027.
- The final payment of £365 is required by Tuesday, 14 March 2028.

Interim payments can be made at any time and a suggested payment plan will be sent out once trip places are confirmed. This payment plan will ensure that all monies are paid in time and will be structured to spread the cost of the trip.

SCOPay is live for deposit payments up until 3:00pm on Friday, 27 November when it will be taken down and no further deposits accepted. If your deposit is made after the first 40 deposit applications, this will be returned to you within ten working days. Should there be more interest than we anticipate, a reserve list will be put in place. **Please note that once a place is accepted and first deposit paid, no refund can be made if a parent later wishes to withdraw their child. Refunds will only be actioned if the trip does not go ahead due to a lack of final numbers.**

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis due to limited places. However, places are conditional on pupils maintaining good behaviour, meeting the Priory Standard and school expectations for behaviour and conduct prior to the visit. This may include, but not be limited to, a single internal or external exclusion, a large accrual of behaviour points or any other behaviour deemed to not meet the requirements needed for staff to feel confident whilst taking a pupil on an international visit. It is important to note that the school reserves the right to withdraw a place in any such circumstance if these standards are not met. In the event that a place is withdrawn due to behaviour concerns, a refund may not be possible dependent on negotiation with the travel company, and may be subject to any costs incurred by the school from the travel company.

What else should I know before I pay the deposit?

- At present, the flight details are only in a holding format. This means that you may need to be flexible by a day either side of the current dates specified.
- Pupils will share rooms with other students – typically in rooms of three or four. We try to ensure that these are with pupils in the same year group and in friendship circles, but it is important to note that we sometimes have to allocate mixed year groups dependent on the rooms allocated at time of check-in. There are no mixed gender rooms.

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- There is no requirement for a pupil to be choosing GCSE French to attend this international visit
- The school has the right to withdraw a place if a pupil does not meet the school's behaviour expectations outlined above at any point prior to the trip, and by paying the deposit and giving your consent on SCOPay, you agree to this.

The cancellation fees are as follows:

Period before departure in which you notify us	Cancellation charge per person
After payment of 1st deposit but before due date of the 2nd deposit	First Deposit only
After payment of 1st & 2nd deposits but before due date of the 3rd deposit	First & Second deposits
After the due date of the 3rd deposit until 99 days before departure	First, Second & Third deposit
More than 30 days	75% of holiday cost
More than 0 days	100% of holiday cost

The company we have chosen is Travelbound, an educational travel company with over 27 years of experience in providing enjoyable, educational and safe school trips. Travelbound has proudly been awarded full accreditation for the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge, is a full member of the School Travel Forum and is fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL. For more information about Travelbound please follow the link to their website: www.travelbound.co.uk

Once final numbers are secured and we can confirm the trip is to go ahead, there will be a letter sent home via pupils confirming place allocation and include dates for a Parent Information Evening here in school.

If you have any questions about this trip, please do get in touch as soon as possible. My contact email address is a.scully@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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