

Sir Thomas Fremantle School

From: Sir Thomas Fremantle School
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To: Sir Thomas Fremantle School
Subject: Y9 St Omer & Lille Christmas Market Trip - December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to invite all current Year 8 students to take part in a 3-day residential trip next academic year to St Omer in Northern France including a day trip to the Lille Christmas market from **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th December 2024**.

This trip will provide an excellent opportunity for students to consolidate their language work covered throughout KS3 and to use their French skills in exciting, real-life situations. Anyone who has been to a European Christmas market knows that it is such a wonderful, memorable cultural experience that we cannot wait to share with the students!

The total cost of the trip will be between **£370-390**. The cost may go up or down within the amount quoted depending on final numbers and we will confirm the final amount in a follow up letter once your child has a place on the trip.

The amount is payable in instalments, including a £50 deposit, spread over several months. The cost of the trip will include:

- Executive coach and Eurotunnel transport to and from France
- Full-board accommodation at the Château d'Ebblingham which is accommodation used exclusively for school trips
- Insurance
- All excursions, visits and transport while in France.

We are lucky that the accommodation is very close to the Calais port so, on the travel days of the trip (Wednesday and Friday), we still intend to have time for a variety of activities, which may include a trip to the town of St Omer, a boulangerie visit and a trip to a French supermarché. On the full day of the trip (Thursday), we intend to visit the Lille Christmas Market for the day. During this time, students will be able to explore the market in groups, purchase any snacks or gifts with their pocket money and of course use their transactional French to do this.

In order to take part, each student will need their own full UK passport (with a minimum of 6 months left before the expiry date), which can be applied for at www.passports.gov.uk and an EHIC or the new GHIC card available at: [Get healthcare cover for travelling abroad - NHSBSA](#). We must also stress that we can only take students abroad who have demonstrated consistently good behaviour in school, and we reserve the right to refuse students who have not.

To apply for a place on the trip please pay the deposit of **£50** via ParentPay by **Monday 5th February 2024** latest. This deposit will be returned if we do not receive sufficient numbers to run the trip however we are hoping that many students will want to attend.

Once your child has been accepted on the trip the deposit is non-refundable and you will receive a confirmation letter with details of instalment payment dates and details of an information evening prior to the trip.

Some financial assistance may be available for students in receipt of Pupil Premium. Please email verity.ellis@sirthomasfremantle.org if you would like to discuss this.

If you have any questions about the trip, please reply to this email.

Yours sincerely,

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