



# Fairlands Middle School

We Collaborate, Achieve & Belong

16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Subject: Residential Visit to Northern France

Dear Fairlands Families,

We are delighted to announce that the Humanities and French departments have finalised our visit to Northern France in July 2025. We are inviting our current Year 8 students to sign up for this exciting opportunity.

The trip is scheduled to take place from **Monday 14th July to Friday 18th July 2025** and our itinerary will be packed with engaging activities, including:

<b>Monday</b>	Coach from school – ferry crossing – <b>evening entertainment*</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Full day on the Somme guided – including the Albert Museum
<b>Wednesday</b>	Amiens Market & a visit to Grotte de Naours
<b>Thursday</b>	Le Touquet alongside visits to a Chocolate Factory & Snail Farm
<b>Friday</b>	Hypermarché – return to the UK

**\*evening entertainment will be provided every day after tea**

Further details regarding the trip will be outlined in a presentation evening hosted by Mr. Hitt (Head of Humanities) and Mrs. Milne (Head of Language and Communication) on the first week back after half term

The full cost of the residential will be **£635 per student** which includes all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), accommodation, all entrance fees, travel expenses and trip insurance – the only addition to this would be a small amount of spending money on the trip itself for gifts and snacks.

**A non-refundable deposit of £100** will be required to secure a place on the visit (payable on ParentPay by **15/11/2024**) There will then be a payment plan set up for families to pay in instalments.

Due to the high cost of such a visit we have discussed some options to reduce the final payment required from parents / carers of children who choose to attend. We will run some fundraising opportunities with the children. Some ideas for the children to start with include sponsored runs, bake-sales, raffles amongst other things. We will fundraise collectively to reduce the cost of the trip by as much as possible for the whole group. Any fundraising achieved will then be used to reduce the final instalment for all families.

**Any child in receipt of the pupil premium will receive a contribution of 50% towards the cost of the trip.** Should any family be in financial difficulty, we want to support in any way we can so that finance is no barrier to attending. Please get in touch with the school office for an appointment to discuss.

We will provide more information about insurance cover in due course, but as ever, we would advise you may wish to take out additional travel insurance.

Lastly, school visits are a fantastic enrichment opportunity for our students and in order for the trip to be successful we require safe and sensible behaviour and full co-operation from all. We reserve the right to remove any student from the trip, should this be deemed necessary.

We hope that you are as enthusiastic as we are and look forward meeting you at the presentation evening.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Hitt (Head of Humanities)



Mrs. Milne (Head of Language and Communication)