



Our Ref: RPR

October 2022

YEAR 9/10 MFL STUDENTS PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: MFL TRIP JULY 2023

GutenTag & Bonjour! Thank you for expressing an interest in participating in the Dormston School Languages trip Summer2023. This letter is intended to give you a brief outline of what is involved.

This year we are planning to stay in two different towns – Boulogne-sur-Mer, en France and Aachen, in Deutschland. Together with our study tour company, we are in the process of planning an exciting itinerary. Our first two nights will be spent on the French coast in Boulogne-sur-Mer, followed by two nights in the picturesque town of Aachen in Germany. We also plan to squeeze in a visit to neighbouring Holland and Belgium.

The dates of this exciting residential have now been confirmed. The trip will take place towards the end of the summer term; from **Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July 2023**. Having now established numbers, we have a price of **£510** for the trip. The price is inclusive of all coach transfers, ferry, tunnel, accommodation, a trip hoodie, all meals and all entrance fees. On top of all this we will have a guide with us at all times, Ted Higham. Having now accompanied Ted abroad on 6 different trips myself, I can honestly say that he is amazing.

We will ask students to bring a packed lunch and snacks for the first day when travelling, some money in pounds sterling for service stations and the ferry and also some spending money in euros for souvenirs, snacks etc.

I am sure you will appreciate that students will be taken only on the understanding that their behaviour in school prior to the trip is exemplary. To comply with risk assessment guidelines, it is not possible to take pupils who present a risk to themselves or other pupils or staff. We therefore reserve the right to bar students from the trip whose behaviour has been unacceptable to us.

In these exceptional circumstances I am afraid that monies paid to the company will be non-refundable. Money will also not be refunded if pupils pull out or are unable to attend in the weeks running up to our trip. Payments need to be made to the company in advance of us leaving in order to pay for ferries, hotels etc just like a normal holiday. Please adhere to the payment schedule, we will not take any pupil with us who has not paid the full amount or who does not keep up to date with payments.

If you are willing to allow your son or daughter to participate in the trip please complete the attached form and return it to Mrs Palmer (A11) by Tuesday 1st November 2022. A ParentPay System has been activated for this trip. We request that the **first deposit of at least £50** is paid via the Parent Pay System by **Monday 31st October 2022**. It is your decision how much deposit you would like to pay, as long as the minimum deposit of £50 is covered. Similarly, the payment schedule reflects the **minimum** deposits to be paid by each deadline. If at any given time you wish to pay more than the minimum payment this is perfectly acceptable and your remaining balance will be worked out accordingly.



Could I please ask you to check that existing passports will still be in date for next July? **If your son or daughter doesn't already have a passport, could you please also make it a priority to order one?** I speak from personal experience in this as very sadly and despite us asking well in advance, two pupils have now been unable to accompany us as their passports didn't arrive in time. A very sombre experience for staff and fellow pupils as I am sure you can imagine.

Proposed Payment Schedule

Initial deposit	£50 (non-refundable)	By Monday 31 st October 2022
1 st Payment	£110 (non-refundable)	By Wednesday 30 th November 2022
2 nd Payment	£110 (non-refundable)	By Tuesday 28 th February 2023
3 rd Payment	£120 (non-refundable)	By Monday 24 th April 2023
FINAL Payment	£120 (non-refundable)	By Wednesday 31 st May 2023
	= Total Price of £510	

We are über-excited about our trip and further details of our planned itinerary will be made available nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

R. Palmer

**Mrs R Palmer
(Trip Leader)**

(rpalmer@dormston.dudley.sch.uk)

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MFL TRIP JULY 2023 - Reply Slip

Name: Form:

I am willing to allow my son/daughter to participate in The Dormston School Languages Trip 2023.

I am making a payment to ParentPay of: £..... (at least £50)

Hoody Size: Adult Size, Small, Medium or Large (sizes are quite generous):

I understand that if I cancel my child's place or if my child's place is removed because of unacceptable behaviour then any monies already paid to the company will not be refunded.

Signature of parent/carer:

Please return the slip below to Mrs Palmer in A11 ASAP.