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Dear Parents and carers,

Following our very successful, and now established, residential trip to Paris we are pleased to confirm that we are now able to offer our Year 5 children (as at September 2026) opportunity to take part. This will build upon the French Language teaching within our school, strengthen our children's cultural awareness and provide a new learning experience for all. Curriculum content will be built into the trip by visiting cultural sites and related historical places of interest.

The trip has been arranged through PGL Travel and we will be staying at the **Château de Grande Romaine in Paris**. We will travel by coach from school to Dover to pick up the Calais Ferry departing on **Monday 21st September 2026** and returning **Friday 25th September 2026**.

The **Château de Grande Romaine** is the same centre that we have used on our previous trips and is an amazing base from which to explore the capital. The centre is safe and secure and is on the outskirts of Paris and all amenities are age appropriate for Year 5 children. Relaxation facilities are excellent, the setting is picturesque, the food is varied and enjoyable (including local cuisine) and the staff are very helpful and attentive. All in all, the centre is outstanding!

Our departure / arrival times are subject to final confirmations however, we will leave school very early in the morning at around 12:30am to travel down to Dover. This will ensure that we maximise our travel time and will allow children chance to sleep during the coach journey. We will arrive back at school at approximately midnight.

We will have the benefit of our coach and driver during our stay in Paris and will ensure we fully utilise this service by visiting as many of the major visitor and sightseeing attractions as we can during our stay. This will include a sail on the River Seine, a trip up the Eiffel Tower, visiting Sacre Coeur , Montmartre, Champs Elysees and The Louvre etc. We will also build in several events to encourage our children to use their French language skills, e.g. a visit to a local market, café and other shopping activities.

The cost of this educational experience is £699. If your child is able to take part, a non-refundable £100 deposit is required. Please pay via MCAS by **Friday 5th December 2025**. This gives us your consent for your child to go and will secure their place. Payment will go live on MCAS on **Monday 24th November**. Further payments can then be made at your own convenience. This cost includes all travel arrangements, accommodation, full board meals, all coach travel and identification garments. Children will need about 100 euros as spending money and a valid passport will be required for all children travelling, with an expiry date of April 2027 or later.

The trip is open to the first 30 applications, as we need to cap the number of children due to planning arrangements.

We realise that families may have further questions relating to this trip. If you have any specific queries, please email the office and we will be glad to answer your questions – office@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk.

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A formal meeting will be held in school prior to departure (Summer 2026) to explain the full itinerary to children and families. But, may we assure you at this stage that the trip has been carefully organised, risk assessed and planned. Governors have approved the residential trip in line with school development.

Please can we inform families that Y5 (as at September 2026) will likely be offered a different three day British residential. It is important we mention this now to allow families to make financial decisions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sacred Heart School team.

