

04th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 and Year 10 Paris Residential – Sunday 13th to Thursday 17th July 2025

I am delighted to be able to share with you the opportunity of a 5-day residential trip we have on offer for all Year 9 and Year 10 students during our Enrichment week in 2024 – 2025 academic year. This will be the only residential offered for Year 9 and Year 10 in this academic year.

Enrichment week will be held from Monday 14th July – Friday 18th July 2025.

All students in years 7-10 will participate in this week of activities. The details of what else is available (outside of this residential) will be shared with you shortly. This may include day trips out and/or in school activities for your child.

Activ4 is an established tour operator passionate about delivering bespoke, best value school tours to a wide range of worldwide destinations that inspire and motivate young people to a lifetime of learning. We have used Activ4 in the past and are looking forward to working with them again to offer your child this opportunity to visit Paris. Some of the most important life skills are best learned through travel and it's also a great way to give students the chance to grow independently and enjoy their Enrichment week to its fullest.

The price of the residential trip will be £1025.

In summary, the price of the trip includes the following:

- Executive return coach, travelling from Patchway Community School to Residence Internationale De Paris.
- Return ferry crossing.
- 4 nights full board (Breakfast, Packed lunch and Dinner) accommodation, fully equipped with a shower room, a TV and Air conditioning.
- A 3-day actioned packed itinerary which includes a range of activities such as Louvre Museum tickets, 1 x Day pass to Disneyland Paris, Eiffel Tower entrance, a Stade De France Tour and a variety of evening entertainment.
- An experienced Activ4 representative in resort.
- Comprehensive insurance.

The only additional cost will be for the appropriate clothing and accessories necessary when spending a week abroad.

If your child wishes to experience this trip, you will need to reserve a place initially by paying a deposit via Arbor. The trip will 'go live' on Arbor at **10am on Monday 7th October and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis**. Payment for this trip via Arbor automatically confirms you have consented to giving permission for your child to attend the trip.

Based on previous experience, it is anticipated that this trip will fill up quickly.

The company also require us to make regular payments before paying the final balance. Therefore, you must also ensure you adhere to the following **key payment** dates: -

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| • Deposit 1 | £200 paid upon registration on Arbor & by 31st October 2024 |
| • Deposit 2 | £150 paid by 30th November 2024 |
| • Deposit 3 | £150 paid by 30th December 2024 |
| • Deposit 4 | £175 paid by 30th January 2025 |
| • Deposit 5 | £175 paid by 28th February 2025 |
| • Deposit 6 | £175 paid by 31st March 2025 final payment |

Failure to meet the deadline for a key payment could result in your child being removed from the trip, with no refund of monies paid to that date.

The offer of participation for this residential trip will be subject to each student's behaviour (conduct) and attendance (with all students aiming for a minimum of 96%). Thus, the school reserves the right to withdraw any student from any trip or activity at any point based on student wellbeing, safeguarding, conduct, or any other reason that is in the best interests of the student, the trip, and/or the school. Under these circumstances the cost of any payments already made will not be refunded. Parent(s)/carer(s) and students will be informed if there is a risk of jeopardising a place on chosen activities.

All paid monies are **non-refundable**, unless the school chooses to cancel the trip due to insufficient numbers. **No refunds** will be available at any point, as the school will have to settle the payment with the company once reserved. This includes if your child moves or leaves the school.

If a student is unable to attend this trip because of ill health or an accident and the school is unable to obtain a refund from the travel company, then a letter will be required from their doctor with details of the illness/accident to make a claim through the insurance policy.

Please refer to our Charging and Remissions policy for more information <https://www.patchwaycs.org.uk/Policies/>

If you are happy for your child to attend the trip, **please complete the online payment by logging into the [Arbor Parent Portal](#) from 10am on Monday 7 October 2024.**

Financial support

If you are entitled to FSM or are Pupil Premium, you may be eligible for support.

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Please contact the Finance Office pcs-finance@olympustrust.co.uk for more information.

Medical conditions

If your child has a medical condition or takes regular medication that the school should be made aware of, please arrange to meet with the trip organiser or contact the Office Manager tania.hull@olympustrust.co.uk to complete a Home-school agreement.

For more information, please find attached an example itinerary taken direct from Active4, regarding this fantastic residential opportunity, for your child.

A parent briefing for this residential trip will be arranged respectively nearer the date of the trip, however, please feel free to contact me before then should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss Gemma Mills - Trip lead

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