

January 2012

Trip to the South of France 2012
Years 9,10,11

Dear Parent

Following the success of 3 previous exchange visits to the south of France we have unfortunately had to accept that the French families are unable to host us this year. As an alternative we are planning to take a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students (those intending to or already studying French at GCSE) to stay in the boarding facilities of our exchange school, the Centre International de Valbonne, an International school with 2400 students from sixty different countries. Our students will not be matched with French partners, but we will have the chance to spend some time in the school experiencing French school life. The French school students will not participate in the trips.

It will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to spend time in a beautiful part of France putting all their acquired vocabulary and structures to the test. During their stay the students will take part in a full programme of events which may include: a visit to a perfume factory in Grasse; a trip to Monaco viewing the famous Casino and the route of the Grand Prix race; a visit to the French school; a visit to the scenic resorts of Antibes and Cannes and a boat trip to a nearby island; exploring the old town in Nice, including the Flower Market. Pupils will also have language based activities to complete during their stay in order to consolidate what they have learnt.

Our provisional travel plans are as follows:

Manchester to Nice flight departing 14.00 on **Thursday 21st June 2012** (Jet2)

Nice to Manchester flight arriving back 20.25 on **Sunday 24th June 2012** (Jet2)

The final cost will depend on the number of students taking part but we anticipate that the maximum would be £445, including all transport, accommodation and meals, and could well be less than this.

We would be grateful if your son/daughter could return the reply slip and a deposit of £50 (cheques payable to Eaton Bank School) together with the attached parental consent form to the finance office **by Monday 30th January** so that flights can be secured as soon as possible to benefit from lower fares. The deposit is non-refundable once the flights are booked and the trip is dependent on the cost and availability of flights at the time of booking. A payment card will be issued at a later date so that the remainder of the cost may be paid in instalments by **Monday 16th April**.

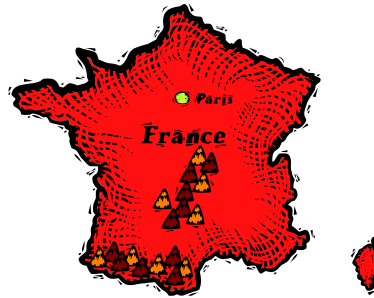
All students will require a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) entitling them to free medical cover within the EU and will also need to obtain their own individual passports from the UK Passport Agency if they do not already have one.

We will, as usual, be consulting with form tutors and pastoral staff to determine whether it is appropriate for students to participate in this trip. We will send you more

detailed information once we know how many students are committed, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Webb/Mrs C Smith
Joint Head of Modern Languages



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Name of Student:

Tutor Group:

I enclose cash/cheque for £50 to cover the deposit for the visit to Nice, France and the signed parental consent form.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

Date:

Please return to the finance office by 30th January. Cheques should be made payable to Eaton Bank School