



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip to the French Alps, July 4th-7th July 2019

Thank you for paying the deposit of £200 for the Geography fieldtrip to France. I can now confirm that the remaining amount to pay is **£520**, inclusive of travel, accommodation, excursions, insurance and three meals per day. I would be very grateful if you could pay the remaining balance in the following instalments:

- £150 by 28th February
- £150 by 29th March
- £220 by 30th April 2019.

You are, however, welcome to pay the balance in as many or as few instalments as you wish and we would appreciate post-dated cheques if possible. Please pay via **WisePay** (under Trips & Visits) or by cheque (made payable to 'Parmiter's School'). Please write your child's **NAME, FORM** and '**French Alps trip**' on the back of the cheque and return the payment to the Finance Box.

Travel arrangements

We will be leaving from the school Sports Centre car park on Thursday 4th July at 5.15am to travel to Heathrow airport by coach. Our flight number is BA726. We expect to return to school at approximately 9.30pm on Sunday 7th July. Please collect your son/daughter from the Sports Centre car park.

Accommodation

During our trip we will be staying at the address shown below. Students will be staying in en-suite rooms with 2-4 people in each room. The hotel will provide three meals per day, commencing with dinner when we arrive on Thursday 4th July and the final meal being lunch on Sunday 7th July.

Hôtel des Deux Gares - 74190 Le Fayet

Tel: +33 (0)4 50 78 24 75 / Fax +33(0)4 50 78 15 47.

Itinerary

Thursday 4 th July	Meet at Parmiter's School Sports Centre car park at 5.00am. Travel by coach to Heathrow. Flight from Heathrow to Geneva (flight number: BA726). Coach transfer from Geneva to Hotel de Deux Gares arriving at approximately 1.00pm. Afternoon orientation of the area and swim in Lake Passy.
Friday 5 th July	Visit Argentiere glacier. Observation of glacial features, processes and landforms. Visit to the Bossons glacier in the afternoon.
Saturday 6 th July	Full lift pass for Aiguille du Midi (spectacular views of Mont Blanc). Montenvers train and Mer de Glace. Possibility of free time in Chamonix.
Sunday 7 th July	Free time in the morning. Coach transfer at 3.00pm to Geneva airport. Flight from Geneva to Heathrow (flight number BA735). Coach transfer from Heathrow airport. Arrival back at Parmiter's School Sports Centre car park at approximately 9.30pm.

Each day will start at 9.00am and continue until approximately 5.00pm, with a break for packed lunch provided by the hotel. There will be another break for dinner, after which time will be spent doing preparation and follow up work in the hotel.

Kit list

Students should pack appropriately for a 6-day trip, including two long coach journeys, to an environment with highly variable weather conditions. This includes extremes of hot and cold as well as the chance of rain and snow. Walking boots which provide adequate ankle support and grip must be worn in the field. Trainers are not satisfactory. If purchasing new walking boots it is advisable to 'wear them in' prior to use on the trip.

We recommend that students bring a maximum of £50 spending money in Euros. Note that although insurance on the trip is comprehensive, all student's personal belongings are their own responsibility. It is recommended that students do not bring expensive possessions with them. The school cannot bear any liability if valuables are lost or stolen during the trip.

Below is a list of what to bring:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Warm jacket or thick fleece
- Warm hat and gloves
- Jumpers or sweatshirts
- Trousers, shorts, several T-shirts
- Strong and comfortable walking boots/shoes
- Small backpack for use during the day
- Water bottle
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Casual clothes to wear around hotel + travelling
- Trainers
- Swimwear
- Clothes to sleep in
- Towel
- Wash kit
- Sun block or high factor sun cream
- Lip salve
- Personal medication
- Pencil case, writing equipment
- Plug adapter for Europe
- Spending money

Meeting for students

There will be an important meeting for students to attend on Wednesday 5th June at 1.40pm in room G2. Final details about the trip will be given, along with important health and safety regulations. Students must bring the following documentation with them to this meeting, which will be collected and retained until after the trip:

1. Valid passport with at least 3 months before the expiry date.
2. Valid European Health Insurance Card.
3. Completed consent form and declaration (attached).

I will write with final details of the trip in June. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

And finally...

So that I may complete the passenger list for the travel company to book our flights, I need to have a photocopy of each student's passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) by **8th March 2019**. Please bring it directly to me in the Geography department. **Please note any passports issued outside of the EU may need further visas.**

Yours sincerely



Mr C Powell
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