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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
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12 March 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11/12 Visit to the South of France
Tuesday 19 March – Saturday 23 March 2019

I am writing to inform you of the final arrangements regarding the Year 11/12 Visit to France and I have enclosed documents with details regarding the trip. I hope that you will find this information useful.

This is a reminder of the transport details on Tuesday, 19 March 2019:

- 08:30 Meet for registration at Borden
- 08:50 Depart by coach for Gatwick Airport (North Terminal)
- 12:50 Depart EasyJet flight EZY8053
- 15:40 Arrive Montpellier Airport

Please remember to bring your passports and EHIC cards.

I would be grateful if you could fill in the form attached and forward it to me as soon as possible.

As the group will be travelling during school time, it is essential that all students are up-to-date with their school work and behave well in the run-up to the visit. As staff, we have to be certain that all students have earned the privilege of being out of school during term time. We also need to be sure that they will behave responsibly at all times in France in the interests of their health and safety. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope that your daughter/son has an educational, cultural and enjoyable stay in France.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Bailliez
Head of French



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**Year 11/12 Visit to the South of France / Montpellier
Tuesday 19 March – Saturday 23 March 2019**

Adult Consent

1. I / We have received and read the details of the trip, including the itinerary.
2. I agree to my daughter/son _____ (Full Name) taking part in this activity, and to the members of staff in charge acting 'in loco parentis'.
3. Is there any new information about your daughter/son which you feel the trip leaders should know?

Yes / No (please delete appropriately).

If "Yes" please give details:

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

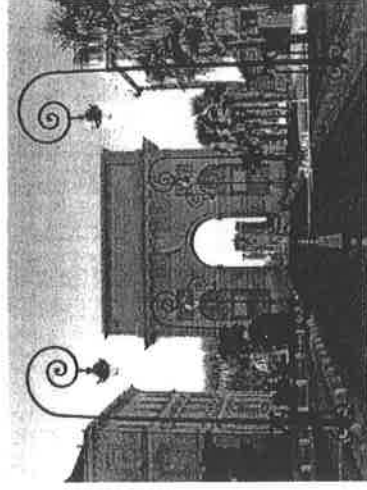
Student Consent

1. I understand that staff on this trip will carry essential travel and medical information about me (either electronically or in paper format) for emergency purposes.
2. I agree to have my photograph taken while part of the trip and that this may be used in displays at school and on the school website.
3. I understand that this information will be securely disposed when the trip returns.

Signed _____ (Student)

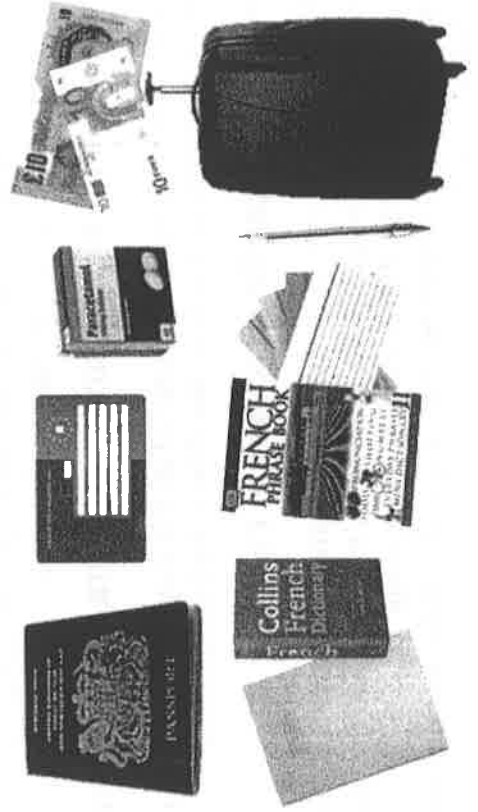
Date: _____

Borden Grammar School Montpellier



Tuesday 19 March – Saturday 23 March 2019

Name: _____



Phrases utiles Useful phrases

- Bonjour / Au revoir! Good morning/Goodbye!
Pardon / Excusez-moi. Excuse-me.
Désolé. (I am) Sorry.
S'il vous plaît. Please.
Merci. Thank you.
De rien. Don't mention it.
Je cherche... I am looking for...
Où est la salle à manger? Where is the dining-room?
Où sont les toilettes? Where are the toilets?
Je voudrais... I would like...
Je voudrais des timbres. I would like some stamps.
Est-ce que je peux avoir...? Can I have...?
Est-ce que je peux emprunter...? Can I borrow...?
Est-ce que vous avez...? Do you have...?
Vous pouvez me donner ça? Could you give me that?
C'est combien? How much is it?
Je n'ai pas assez d'argent. I don't have enough money.
Répétez, s'il vous plaît. Could you repeat please?
Vous pouvez répéter lentement? Could you repeat slowly?
Je ne comprends pas. I don't understand.
Je n'ai pas compris. I didn't understand.
Je crois qu'il y a une erreur. I think there is a mistake.
Je ne sais pas. I don't know.
Je regarde seulement. I am just looking.
Vous pouvez m'aider? Could you help me?
J'ai perdu... I have lost...
J'ai laissé... I have left...
Ça va très bien, merci. I am fine, thank you.
Je ne me sens pas bien. I do not feel very well.
Qu'est-ce que c'est en anglais? What is it in English?
Désolé, je ne peux pas vous aider. Sorry, I cannot help you.

Bon voyage!

Trip To Montpellier Itinerary

Outward:
Tuesday 19 March 2019

08:30*	Meet for registration at Borden
08:50*	Depart by coach for Gatwick Airport
10:50*	Arrive Gatwick Airport (North Terminal)
12:50*	Depart easyJet flight EZY8053
15:40*	Arrive Montpellier Airport

Homeward:
Saturday 23 March 2019

18:00*	Arrive Montpellier Airport
20:00*	Depart easyJet flight EZY8054
20:55*	Arrive Gatwick Airport (North Terminal)
21:30*	Depart by coach for Sittingbourne
23:00*	Arrive Sittingbourne

* local times

Each student is allowed one hold bag (preferably a suitcase with wheels). The total weight should not exceed 23 kg and the maximum total size (length + width + height) should be under 275cm.

They may also take one standard piece of hand baggage (dimensions 56 x 45 x 25cm). Security measures strictly limit what can be carried in hand luggage. For more information, please visit www.easyjet.com. Medication, valuables and items which will be required during the journey should be packed in the cabin baggage.

STUDENTS WILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN PASSPORT.

Students should inform a member of staff if they feel unwell and follow safety rules stated by teachers, bus drivers and easyJet staff.

Travelling by public transport in France

We will travel by train, tram and bus in France. All students should be attentive so that they get on the same train/tram/bus and they get off at the same station/bus stop as the rest of the group.

Behaviour in train stations, bus stops and tram stations must be sensible and alert.

Thursday 21 March 2019 (contd)

- Depart for Montpellier multimedia library
- Research and work on travel journal*
- Depart for restaurant by tram
- Evening meal ~~~
- Return to hotel by tram

Friday 22 March 2019

- Depart by tram for Montpellier historic town
- Visit Art Museum
- Collect information and complete reading tasks
- Lunch / Shopping ~~~
- Depart by train for Avignon historic town
- Speaking practice and reading tasks during the journey
- Visit Avignon palace of the popes
- Collect information and complete listening/reading tasks
- Return to Montpellier by train
- Speaking practice and reading tasks during the journey
- Depart for restaurant by tram
- Evening meal ~~~
- Return to hotel by tram

Saturday 23 March 2019

- Shopping (if time permits)
- Depart for Carnon seaside resort by bus (if weather permits)
- Lunch ~~~~
- Return to Montpellier by bus
- If necessary, complete GCSE/A Level work or visit sea life centre
- Collect luggage
- Depart for Montpellier Airport by tram and bus
- Leave Montpellier at 20:00
- Arrive in Sittingbourne at 23:00

* subject to amendments

* Please note that we may go to the cinema one night or as an alternative in case of poor weather

Suggested Activities & Intended Learning Outcomes*

Tuesday 19 March 2019

- Leave Sittingbourne at 08:50
~~~ Lunch / Shopping at Gatwick Airport ~~~
- Arrive in Montpellier Airport at 15:40
- Depart for hotel by bus and tram
- Check-in at Hotel Holiday Inn Odysseum
- Complete reading tasks and start your travel journal\*
- Depart by tram for Montpellier old town
- Discover Montpellier old town  
~~~ Evening meal ~~~
- Return to hotel by tram

Wednesday 20 March 2019

- Depart by tram and train for Nîmes
- GCSE / A Level speaking practice during the journey
- Visit Nîmes town centre
- Collect resources and complete reading / speaking tasks
~~~ Lunch / Shopping in Nîmes ~~~
- Visit Nîmes Amphitheatre
- Complete listening / reading tasks during the visit
- Return to Montpellier / hotel by tram and train
- GCSE / A Level speaking practice during the journey
- Arrive hotel
- Work on your travel journal\*
- Depart for restaurant by tram  
~~~ Evening meal ~~~
- Return to hotel by tram

Thursday 21 March 2019

- Depart by tram for Montpellier historic town
- Guided tour of Montpellier old town
- Listening tasks during the guided tour
~~~ Lunch / Shopping in Montpellier historic town ~~~
- Visit Opéra Comédie and see opera (TBC)
- Complete listening / speaking tasks

## **Supervision**

The group consists of 21 students and 3 teachers. The teachers are: Ms K. Bailliez (leader), Mrs H. Westby and Mr S. Robbins.

We will be acting 'in loco parentis', exercising the same care as a prudent parent.

## **Travel Groups**

The trip is intended to give first-hand experience of French language, history and culture and there will be occasions when the students will be free to go off in groups to explore and/or shop. Such unsupervised sessions will normally be no longer than 2 hours. Students will be able to go around with their friends. **However, THEY MUST STAY IN A GROUP WITH A MINIMUM OF FOUR.**

This is for health and safety reasons, as, in case of emergency, should a student injure himself/herself, another student can remain with the injured person whilst the other two report to the teachers.

Students must always inform their teachers of their whereabouts and activities.

There will be regular headcounts. Trains and visits have been booked so meet up times must be adhered to.

Students will be expected to behave responsibly at all times and they will be given procedures to follow in case of emergency.

## **Behaviour**

Students are expected to listen and follow all the instructions given by members of staff. Needless to say, activities that might cause harm or offence will not be tolerated. Students must not do anything which is against the law. When in doubt, they should seek advice from their teacher.

Laser pens, knives and other dangerous items should under no circumstances be purchased.

**SEE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

Borden Grammar School: (0044) (0)1795 424192 (school hours)

Mr Artingstoll (home contact): (0044) (0)7470 115345

Ms Baillez: (0044) (0)7773 597278

Single European Emergency Call Number: 112

Should we need to contact you, we have individual contact numbers.

## To dial the UK from France

Dial 0044, then dial the UK area code without the 0, finally your own number.

## Traffic and Road Crossing

Walking in Nîmes/Montpellier can be dangerous due to traffic conditions and undisciplined drivers.

## Students should follow (NOT precede) the group leader.

Students should be particularly careful and walk sensibly on the pavement, leaving a buffer zone between the kerb and themselves.

They must remember that cars drive on the right-hand side of the street. When crossing a road, they must use pedestrian crossings carefully.

Students should also be mindful of other potentially dangerous vehicles like hoverboards or motorised scooters.

## Restricted Areas

In order to minimise the risks relating to water areas, students will not be allowed to go on the beach without teachers' permission and supervision. The hotel swimming-pool will be out of bounds.

During the visits, students must make sure that they stay within the perimeter outlined by your teacher. Never wander off on your own.

## Fieldwork and Travel Journals

What you need:

- some pens
- a couple of notebooks
- a dictionary
- a phrasebook
- your speaking scripts
- your revision cards



What you do:

- collect documents (maps, leaflets, brochures, newspapers, magazines, receipts ...)
- compile lists of vocabulary (shops, signs, menus ...)
- collect sentences (adverts, slogans ...)
- make notes during visits
- keep a daily journal adapting sentences from your speaking questions
- stick/draw pictures
- record names (places, streets, monuments, museums, restaurants, famous people ...)
- record your opinion, your state of mind ...
- record the weather
- describe towns / places / monuments visited

## GCSE / A LEVEL Exam Preparation

The aim of the trip is to prepare students for their GCSE and A Level examinations. All students are expected to seize every opportunity to immerse themselves in the French culture and to work on their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

Students should communicate in French as often as possible, not only with French native-speakers but also with their classmates and teachers.

Students will be asked to practise role-play vocabulary, take part in conversations and gather a range of documents on the places we visit. They will have worksheets, journals and a variety of listening/reading tasks to complete during/after the visits.

The information collected will be used for cultural portfolios, independent research projects and exam practice/revision.



## Address Whilst Abroad

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Montpellier - Odysseum**  
Address : 60 Avenue Nina Simone, 34000 Montpellier, France

Tel: +33 4 99 51 61 00

### Accommodation

Students will be accommodated in twin bedrooms with en-suite facilities. They should read information on fire emergency procedures and report any damage or breakage as soon as possible.

If we need to evacuate the building, the McDonald's restaurant opposite the hotel will be the assembly point where we regroup.

Access to the bedrooms should be restricted to the occupants only. Once the group has been told to go to bed, students must not leave their room.

Make sure that the door and windows are locked at night and when you leave your bedroom. Do not leave valuables in your bedroom.

Students must always be considerate of all guests/staff and should not do anything to inconvenience them. It is expressly forbidden to smoke or drink alcohol in the hotel.

### Meals

Students will need to purchase food for the outward and homeward journeys. They will also need to purchase lunches/snacks on the following days.

Breakfast and evening meals are included in the price.

Please make sure that all details regarding food restrictions and allergies are passed to Ms Bailliez.

### Pocket Money

€100 should be ample to cover spending money, as breakfast and evening meals are included in the trip price.

It is advisable to change pounds into euros before departure and having some change will help, if students need to use pay toilets.

## **Things to Pack**

I recommend students take comfortable/suitable shoes and clothes for cold, rainy or sunny weather and a cap and a bottle of water (even some sun cream and sunglasses!) with them.

Students require sensible standards of dress and should avoid anything that is likely to attract undue attention to the group.

The following items may be useful as a guide: mobile phone, adaptor, alarm clock, camera and earphones (only if students wish to listen to music in the hotel).

## **Valuables**

Students should not bring valuables. If you decide to take valuables with you, it will be **your** responsibility and, if you bring items that could pose a risk to your health and safety such as headphones or game consoles, we will ask you to leave them in the hotel.

You must be able to hear instructions, especially in case of emergency or imminent danger.

You also need to be aware of pickpockets and conceal valuables and money.

Be streetwise. Avoid eye contact and other groups.

Beware of illicit street vendors.

## **Alcohol / Cigarettes**

It is expressly forbidden to buy or drink alcohol during the trip.

It is expressly forbidden to purchase cigarettes or to smoke inside buildings or whilst taking part in any visit or activity.

## **Insurance**

The group will be covered by a school journey policy.

Details of the policy are available from the Finance Office at school.

Any pre-existing medical conditions will require a letter from a doctor to say that your child is fit to travel.

## **Health and Medication**

All students will need a European Health Insurance Card [obtainable online by logging on at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)]. It gives additional cover for medical expenses.

If your son/daughter takes any medication, please make sure that written parental authorisation and details are passed to Ms Bailliez/Mr Robbins prior to departure and that the medication is clearly labelled and includes instructions on dosage/times.

If your son/daughter generally administers his/her own treatment, this is quite acceptable, but please give your written consent for this as well.

Please inform Ms Bailliez, if there is any information regarding your son/daughter's health which the staff should know.

Please ensure that, if the information changes before the trip, you update the trip leader ([kb@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:kb@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk)).

## **Travel Sickness**

Should your son/daughter be susceptible to travel sickness, please ensure that medication is taken well before departure time, as many tablets take a while to 'kick in'.