



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
Avenue of Remembrance
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ME10 4DB



17 July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 Visit to the French Riviera Tuesday 17 March – Saturday 21 March 2020

Following on from the success of previous trips to the South of France, the French Department is running a residential trip to Nice in March 2020. The aim of this trip is to provide students with the opportunity to practise their French in situ, to immerse themselves in the French culture and language. It is highly recommended for students who want to practise their linguistic skills before their GCSE and A Level examinations. During the trip, students will be expected to communicate in French and to complete a range of tasks.

The trip will last five days, departing on Tuesday, 17 March and returning on Saturday, 21 March 2020. Excursions will include a visit of the cities of Cannes and Monaco.

While visiting Nice, we will be staying at the Hôtel Ibis Palais des Congrès Vieux Nice. We have used this hotel in the past and it provides excellent accommodation and facilities for our students. The hotel will be vetted by KCC in terms of health and safety and KCC will tell us whether it has a minimum level of public liability insurance of £5 million. Sometimes, however, hotels insure for less than the KCC recommendation and we are required by KCC to inform you of this and to ask you to confirm in writing that you consent to your son/daughter taking part in the trip knowing this to be the case. I will of course do so, should this turn out to be the case nearer the time. It is unlikely that this will happen, but not impossible as the legal minimum standards for public liability can be lower in Continental Europe than they are in England.

The total cost – which includes all transport, half board accommodation, all visits and insurance – will be in the region of **£595.00**. (I am unable to give an exact price at this time as I am working on entrance fees and currency exchange rates for 2019, and the number of students participating will also affect the price). Details of the KCC travel insurance we use can be found on the school website in the School section under Policies (www.bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk).

Your son/daughter will need his/her own passport and a European Health Insurance card (obtainable from your Post Office or online by logging on at www.ehic.org.uk).

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If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please return the tear-off slips along with an initial deposit of £150.00 by **Tuesday, 10 September 2019** at the latest. Please note that we will use the £150.00 deposit to pay for the initial deposits required to secure transport and accommodation. Therefore, we will not be able to refund this sum but our insurance may cover withdrawals on grounds of illness. We will provide you with a payment card so that you can pay in instalments. In cases of financial hardship, please write in confidence to the **Headteacher** as soon as possible as we need to have a firm idea of numbers within the next week.

I would also be grateful, if you could attach a copy of your son/daughter's passport, so that I can provide accurate names and dates of birth to the air company and book low cost flights.

This is a visit for which we are, by law, unable to make a charge. However, school finances are such that the trip cannot take place unless we raise, by voluntary contributions, the necessary funding. We appreciate that some parents, especially those who receive Income Support or Family Credit may feel very limited in the contributions that they are able to make and anyone in these categories who wishes their son/daughter to have a place on the visit should make contact with the **Headteacher** in confidence so that their son/daughter is in no way whatever disadvantaged. Students who are eligible to go on the trip but who, whatever their parental circumstances, do not make a contribution must, under the law, be allowed to go, and for this reason I must make it clear that whether the trip actually takes place will depend very largely on the willingness of the parents to contribute as indicated. I very much hope that, as usual, this support will be forthcoming.

For payments, there is the possibility to pay online via the BGS online payment system. If you require a copy of the details of how to make online payments, please contact the Finance Officer, Mrs Drury, at td@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk and she will send you one. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by cheque, please send in the cheque in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your son/daughter's name and "Nice 2020". This can be handed in or deposited through the letter box in the Finance Office. If cash payments are made for trips, students must deliver them **in person** to a member of the finance staff, in the Finance Office, **at morning registration or morning break**, and collect a receipt. Cash payments cannot be accepted at any other times and **MUST NOT** be given through the Finance Office letter box.

Nice is the second most popular tourist place after Paris and, therefore, hotels get booked long in advance. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, priority will be given to the students who are currently studying or planning to study A Level French. Please ensure the reply slips and deposits are returned promptly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Miss K Bailliez
Head of French

Reply slip – to be received by the Finance Office by Tuesday, 10 September 2019 at the latest

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I would like my son/daughter to be considered for inclusion in the Y11/12/13 school trip to France.

Name of Student: _____ Form: _____

- I enclose a deposit of £150.00
[Cheques to be made payable to Borden Grammar School please]
- I have made an online payment of £150.00

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

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- I attach a photocopy of my son's/daughter's passport, required to book flights
- My son/daughter has a medical care plan at the school with additional information that needs to be acted upon as necessary

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____