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## MFL Visits 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to give you an overview of the MFL visits abroad that we would like to offer our students in 2024. The purpose of this is so that you have the full picture and can make informed choices for your child when there are several options available to them. It is our intention to run these visits annually, at similar times of the year, so I hope this information can also help with your future planning.

Here is an overview and you will find detailed sample itineraries at the end of this letter.

### **Paris, France: Open to all students studying French in Years 8 - 13.**

This visit will take place around the end of term 3 and the start of the Easter holiday Proposed dates for 2024 are 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> March. Students will visit the main sites of Paris, Versailles and Disneyland. Travel would be by coach. Cost for 2024 will be £573.00 per student. All meals and entrance fees are included.

### **Barcelona, Spain: Open to all students studying Spanish in Years 7 & 8.**

This visit will take place during Enrichment Week. Proposed dates for 2024 are 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> July but may depend on flight availability. Students will visit the main sites of Barcelona, Tarragona and Port Aventura. Travel would be by air. The cost for 2024 will be £747.00 per student. All meals and entrance fees are included.

### **Cologne, German: Open to all students studying German in Years 7 & 8.**

This visit will take place during Enrichment Week. Proposed dates for 2024 are 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> July but may depend on flight availability. Students will visit the main sites of Cologne and Phantasialand. Travel would be by air. The cost for 2024 will be £737.00 per student. All meals and entrance fees are included.

### **Malaga, Spain: Open to all students studying Spanish in Years 9 - 12**

This visit runs at the end of Term 1 and into October 2024 half term break. It is an amazing opportunity for students who get to visit a Spanish school as well as a wide variety of cultural events such as Flamenco dancing, Churros con chocolate and tapas tastings. The approximate cost is £750. Travel by air. This visit will be launched in November 2023 where further information will be communicated.

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## Why?

The benefits for your child to be immersed in the country of the language they are studying in school is immeasurable. They will see the language come to life and their confidence and linguistic ability will grow. Students will also acquire so much cultural information and assimilation, as the sample itineraries at the end of the letter show, and these elements are also a direct link to our curriculum. Participating in any residential visit also has immense benefits for your child's social development and well-being, giving them the opportunity to be independent, push themselves out of their comfort zone and make new friends.

## How to reserve a place:

If you would like your child to take part in any of the visits **Paris, Barcelona or Cologne** please give your consent and make payment of the **non-refundable deposit** of £20.00 via School Gateway by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023** at the latest. If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium you will still need to pay the deposit and then you can apply for some funds through the school towards the cost of the visit by emailing our Pupil Premium Manager Mrs Shelton, [vsh@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:vsh@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Please be advised that we would expect no limit on the number of students that we can take on these MFL visits. However, we will not be able to run these visits unless we have enough interest and only in this instance will the non-refundable deposit payment be refunded.

I hope that you have found this information useful and if you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at school, [jt@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:jt@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



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| <b>Sample Itinerary: Paris France: Open to all students studying French in Years 8-13</b> |
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### **Day One:**

Depart on executive coach. DVD and toilet facilities on board. *Ferry* crossing to France (breakfast on board) arriving Calais and visit to *Vimy Ridge* - the site of a First World War battlefield, pupils will visit underground tunnels, trenches and No Mans Land. Onward journey to Paris and arrival at our hotel at approximately 19.00. Supper at the hotel.

### **Day Two:**

Breakfast and departure for *the Sacré Coeur*. In addition, the group will walk to the *Place du Tertre*, where artists at work can be seen. Pupils may even have their portrait painted. Onwards to a visit at *Les Invalides*. *Finally this afternoon, we will enjoy an afternoon tour of the Orangerie and a talk on the Impressionist painter Monet*. Supper near the *Arc de Triomphe*. We will be able to spend time at the foot of this monument gaining a fantastic view of the longest avenue in the world. Evening ascent of the *Eiffel Tower*. Pupils will have the opportunity to ascend to the second floor.

### **Day Three:**

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a transfer at 09.30 to *Versailles* for a **work study** at the market. After lunch, there will be a visit to the *Château of Versailles* and the grounds. This is a magnificent château and previous groups have been very interested in the stories which unfold here. Supper at a **creperie** and transfer to Paris before our evening cruise along the Seine in a **Bateau Mouche** viewing several famous monuments, including *Notre Dame*. Following the boat, there will be a tour of *Paris by night*, visiting the main areas for the pupils to see the lights and enjoy the atmosphere

**Day Four:** Breakfast and departure at 09.00 for **Disneyland Paris**. The group will spend the day at the park. Evening meal and return to the hotel at 21.00

### **Day Five:**

Breakfast and departure at 09.00 for a **small chocolate factory** then departure for the United Kingdom and picnic lunch. Ferry arriving Dover with evening meal on board and arrival back at school.

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| <b>Sample itinerary: Barcelona Spain: Open to all students studying Spanish in Years 7&amp;8</b> |
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### **Day One:**

Depart school for the transfer by coach to Birmingham airport and flight with Vueling to Barcelona. Pupils to bring packed lunch. Arrival in Barcelona at 17.25 and onwards to the Hotel Natura Park or Hotel Salome in Coma Ruga, rooms all en suite with staff on the same corridor. Evening meal followed by a **walk along the beach front**.

### **Day Two:**

Breakfast and transfer by coach to **Barcelona Cathedral**. We shall then complete a work-study at **La Boqueria**, a colourful **local market**, under the instruction of the Tour Director. The pupils will buy lunch around the market (10 euros), practising their language skills. The group will then stroll down the famous **Rambblas**, arriving at the monument to Christopher Columbus, who landed at this spot on his

return from discovering the New World. Time at the waterfront harbour, **Port Vell**. Finally, we will walk through the Gothic Quarter to the **Picasso Museum** or transfer to the **Museum of Barcelona Football Club** (22 euros) or Corte Ingles. Evening activity – **Tapas and Quiz Night!**

#### **Day Three:**

Breakfast and departure for the **Poble Espanol**. The group will then head past the **Olympic Stadium** in Barcelona for a view across Barcelona. We shall then visit the **Miro Museum**. Finally, on our way back to the hotel, we will go to the “**Slide**” (Calafell Slide). Return to the hotel and evening meal. Evening activity – **Tapas and Quiz Night!**

#### **Day Four:**

After our breakfast, we will transfer to nearby **Tarragona** for an exploration of some of the Roman sites recognised by UNESCO and a town trail. Packed lunch from hotel. Transfer to **Port Aventura**, a popular theme park. Return to the hotel at 20:00 and evening meal at the hotel – **BBQ night!**

#### **Day Five:**

Breakfast and departure for **Montserrat**, one of the holiest places in Catalonia. This monastery is surrounded by chapels and hermit’s caves. The group will reach Montserrat by **cable car**. We shall then head for our guided visit to the **Sagrada Familia** before the return flight to the U.K. from Barcelona Airport. Arrival in UK and transfer to school

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| <b>Sample itinerary: Cologne German: Open to all students studying German in Years 7&amp;8</b> |
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#### **Day One:**

Depart school on executive coach for the airport and flight to Cologne. Arrival in Cologne and transfer to our accommodation. Dinner and **quiz!**

#### **Day Two:**

After breakfast, we will depart for a day sightseeing in Cologne. Free time shopping in the pedestrian area or a visit to **Beethoven House**. In the morning, we shall have a guided tour at the **Cathedral** before heading to the **Lindt chocolate factory**. During the afternoon, we will go to **Bayer Leverkusen** for a guided tour at the stadium. Evening meal at 18.00 - a **Wiener Schnitzel** at **Kleine Glocke**

#### **Day Three:**

After breakfast, we will head to **Koblenz** for a ride on the cable car and a short visit to the **Deutsches Eck** (the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers) where we will have **spaghetiseeis** before rejoining our coach. Onwards for a guided visit to the **Marksburg castle**.

The group will then enjoy a **Rhine river cruise** from Saint Goarshausen to Kaub, viewing the **Burg Rheinfels** the **Loreley** rock and the **Burg Maus** and **Burg Katz** en route to **Rudesheim**. Continuing by coach to **Rudesheim**, the group will complete a town trail. Return to the accommodation and evening meal.

**Day Four:**

After breakfast, we will leave for **Phantasialand**. After a day at the park, we will return to the hotel for supper.

**Day Five:**

After breakfast, we will leave for the journey to the airport and return flight. Transfer to school.