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St David's Day Welsh Festival - Disneyland Paris Tour - March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

A trip to Paris is being organised for students who will be in Years 9 and 10, from 5th - 8th March 2020.

Below is a summary of the proposed itinerary;

Thursday 5th March: Pupils depart from Eastern High at approximately 20.00. Overnight coach travel to Dover, followed by a P&O ferry crossing between Dover-Calais. Then, coach travel between Calais-Paris.

Friday 6th March: Pupils undertake an ascent to the top of Tour Montparnasse, with the opportunity to take photos. Pupils will then have time in the Montmartre area of Paris, where they can see the Sacré Coeur and Place du Tertre. They will visit a restaurant for lunch before travelling to their accommodation: Hotel B&B, Disneyland Paris. Pupils will then be allowed some time in the Disney Village, and have an evening meal at a restaurant there.

Saturday 7th March: Pupils to have breakfast in the hotel, before travelling to Disneyland Paris. They will spend the day in both parks, meeting at designated checkpoints throughout the day. They will have meal vouchers to use in the parks, and will then have dinner at a restaurant in Disneyland Village, before attending the fireworks display late in the evening. They will then return to Hotel B&B Disneyland.

Sunday 8th March: Pupils to have breakfast in the hotel, before commencing their journey home, via coach, ferry and coach again. 20.00 is the estimated time of arrival back at Eastern High School. (This is however subject to change).

There may be some amendments to the above itinerary, which we will inform you of prior to the trip. An enhanced itinerary will be provided following receipt of deposit.

The purpose of the trip is to provide a chance for pupils to use their language skills authentically, whilst enhancing their awareness of Welsh culture through the Disney festival.

The trip is being organised through Schools into Europe, which is a family run, reputable business with more than 45 years of experience of organising trips abroad.

The total cost of the trip will be £370, which includes;

- All travel - coach and ferry
- Accommodation at Hotel B&B, Disneyland
- Entrance to Disneyland and the Welsh Festival/Firework Display
- Ascent to the top of Tour Montparnasse
- Leisure time in Montmartre and Place du Tertre
- All meals
- Collective Passport (if required)
- Overseas Insurance.

Eastern High is a cashless school. With this in mind, payments for the trip to Paris in March 2020 can be made online using ParentPay. If you have NOT signed into ParentPay previously and your child is going on the trip, login details will be sent to you separately. Using ParentPay allows you to make a one off payment or spread the payments out, making it easier for families to budget.

We will notify parents once your child has been assigned to the trip on ParentPay to enable you to start making payments.

The payment plan will require the following instalments to be paid by the date provided;

Friday 19th July- Non-refundable deposit of £100

Friday 6th September - £100

Friday 4th October - £100

Friday 1st November - £70

Deposits and payments must be paid by the designated dates; there is a minimum payment amount of £10 on Parent Pay.

Balance should be paid in full by Friday 1st November or your child will lose their place on the trip

If at any point you are experiencing difficulties with this payment plan, please contact Miss Cowan, as the school may be able to offer you some assistance, following a meeting of our School Fund Committee and subject to set criteria within our Charging Policy.

Your child does not need to possess their own passport for travel; they will be added to a collective passport which we will organise. Further details will be provided following receipt of deposits.

Schools into Europe follow British Foreign Office guidance; in the event of a terrorist attack in Paris prior to travel, an alternative trip to a different destination can be organised. However, please note, in line with insurance guidelines, money cannot be refunded.

Please be aware, that in the event of your child choosing not to attend the trip (i.e dropping out) prior to the final balance payment, deposits are non-refundable, but we will seek to find a replacement pupil to repay the remaining balance where possible. However, if your child makes this decision following November 1st (final balance payment date), then unfortunately no money can be refunded. Further details will be provided at the parental meeting regarding mitigating circumstances.

Please also be aware that by running this trip, we are expecting pupils to be the best versions of themselves in order to maintain the highest standards of behaviour, to ensure everybody attending is safe, and has a positive experience. As a result, we will be regularly monitoring your child's approach to

learning. If we feel your child is not engaging with our culture for learning, they may be unable to attend the trip.

There will be two official reviews where we will consider this engagement;

Review 1 - October Half Term: At this stage, if the school feels your child is no longer able to attend the trip because of any serious behavioural concerns, you would lose the £100 deposit, but be refunded any remaining payments made.

Review 2 - February Half Term: At this stage, we regret that you would lose the total balance; no money can be refunded.

Because of this, we ask that before committing to the trip, you discuss with your child the expectations of behaviour in school, and ensure they are constantly reflecting upon their progress.

Please be aware that there will be times throughout the trip where pupils will be unsupervised, such as when they are in the Disney parks. We will however have several meeting points arranged during these times, and all pupils will have emergency contact details on a wristband.

If you would like your child to go on the trip please complete the attached 'expression of interest' form and return it to Miss S Rees by **Friday 28th June**. Following this, we will arrange a meeting to provide further details; attendance at this will be compulsory (or alternatively a phone consultation can be arranged).

We will contact you when the trip is live on ParentPay.

Priority will be given to GCSE French pupils, in addition to those who regularly attend Welsh department activities and assist in Eisteddfod/Urdd events.

If you have any further queries, please contact srees@easternhigh.org.uk or note these on the form below.

Diolch yn fawr,

Miss SJ Rees (Head of Welsh) and Mrs J Montefusco (Head of French)

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Pupil name: _____

I would like my son/daughter to go on the Paris trip.

I require a Parent Pay login to be sent to me

Signature of parent/carer: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Any Initial Queries?
