



Eastern High / Ysgol Uwchradd y Dwyrain

Eastern Community Campus / Campws Cymunedol y Dwyrain

Trowbridge Road / Ffordd Trowbridge

Cardiff / Caerdydd CF3 1XZ

Tel / Rhif Ffôn: Cardiff (029) 2079 2751

Website – www.easternhigh.org.uk

St David's Day Welsh Festival - Disneyland Paris Tour - March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

A trip to Paris is being organised for students who will be in years nine and ten, from 7th - 10th March 2019 (currently year eight and nine pupils).

Below is a summary of the proposed itinerary;

Thursday 7th March: Pupils depart from Eastern High School at 20.00. Overnight coach travel to Dover, followed by a P&O ferry crossing between Dover-Calais. Then, coach travel between Calais-Paris.

Friday 8th March: Pupils undertake an ascent to the top of the Eiffel Tower, followed by a boat trip along the River Seine. Pupils will then visit a restaurant for lunch before travelling to their accommodation: Hotel B&B, Disneyland Paris. Pupils will then be allowed some time in the Disneyland parks and will receive meal vouchers for their evening meal.

Saturday 9th March: Pupils to have breakfast in the hotel, before travelling via shuttle 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 10th 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 are likely to be some amendments to the above itinerary, which we will inform you of prior to the trip. Further details 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 approximately £360, including;

- All travel - coach and ferry
- Accommodation at Hotel B&B, Disneyland
- Entrance to Disneyland and the Welsh Festival/Firework Display
- Boat Trip along the River Seine
- Ascent to the top of the Eiffel Tower
- Leisure time around the Eiffel Tower
- All main meals
- Collective Passport (if required)
- Overseas Insurance.

Eastern High is moving towards being a cashless school. With this in mind, payments for the trip to Paris in March 2019 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 the trip is live 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 4th May - Non-refundable deposit of £100

Friday 1st June - £50

Friday 6th July - £50

Friday 3rd August - £40

Friday 7th September - £40

Friday 5th October - £40

Friday 2nd November - £40

Balance should be paid in full by Friday 2nd November

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

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, but you must inform us when paying your child's deposit if they do not have one. They can then be added to a collective passport which we will organise accordingly.

Pupils will be required however, to possess an EHIC card which can be applied for online at the following link;

<https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do>

Please note, EHIC cards are free, so ensure you use the official site and do not pay any money for one of these.

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. However, if your child makes this decision following November 2nd (final balance payment date) then unfortunately no money can be refunded. Further details will be given at parental meetings regarding mitigating circumstances.

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.

If you would like your child to go on the trip please complete the enclosed form and return it to Mrs Montefusco or Miss S Rees by **April 27th 2018**. This will provide us with expression of interest.

As previously mentioned, we will then 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 questions, please contact srees@easternhigh.org.uk

Diolch yn fawr,

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

.....

St David's Day Welsh Festival - Disneyland Paris Tour March 2019

Pupil name: _____

House: _____

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

I need a Parent Pay login to be sent to me

My child has a passport

My child does not have a passport

Signature of parent/carers: _____

Print name: _____