



15 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Heanor Gate French Market Trip – Amiens & Arras

I am writing to ensure everyone is as fully informed as possible regarding the finalised arrangements for our French Christmas Market Trip.

The travel company has confirmed that we **will be leaving at 05.10am on Friday 25 November** and we will be following the time schedule outlined below. Please note that the ETA, to be back at school, is not an exact time and will depend on the return ferry crossing and traffic. Updates will be made with you via twitter and through communication via the students. The coach will be parked on the Industrial Estate, in the Full Power Fitness car park. Due to the anti-social hour of our departure we request that you drop off and then depart the area to keep it clear and noise to a minimum. Please say your goodbyes at home! **It is requested that students arrive at 05.00 and get straight on the coach;** this will ensure a calm and prompt departure. As a reminder, we expect a busy and exciting weekend in France but students are of course required in school on Monday morning, 28 November.

Travel details

Friday 25 November

05.00am	Meet at the Industrial Estate and depart. We would suggest that the group take provisions from home for the journey. Suitable stops will be made en-route as necessary.
12.10am	Depart Dover with P&O Ferries
14.40pm	Arrive Calais (local time)
16.15pm	Boulangerie visit
20.00pm	Arrive at the accommodation (Poppies d'Albert) & evening meal (provided)

Saturday 26 November

08.00am	Continental breakfast served at the hotel
09.00am	Depart accommodation and drive to Amiens
10.00am	Guided tour of Amiens and exploring the Christmas markets, lunch in Amiens. (not provided)
17.00pm	Depart Amiens
18.00pm	Arrive at the accommodation (Poppies d'Albert) & evening meal (provided)

Sunday 27 November

08.00am	Continental breakfast served at the hotel
09.00am	Check out and drive to Arras
09.30am	Arrive in Arras, and explore the Christmas markets, lunch in Arras (not provided)
13.50pm	Depart Arras and drive to Calais
17.20pm	Depart Calais with P&O Ferries
17.50pm	Arrive Dover (local time)
22.50pm	Expected arrival time at the Industrial Estate



Student Meeting

There will be a **meeting for all students attending the trip on Tuesday 22 November**. This meeting is essential as we will be going over the finalised itinerary and expectations. **Students will need to meet at 8.40 am in K3.**

Travel arrangements

I advise that your child brings a pillow and a light blanket for the coach as they will need to sleep on the outward journey. We will be stopping at service stations both in the UK and in France so they may wish to either bring some food to eat on the journey, or sterling/euros to purchase refreshments, as outlined above. **Please ensure that no food containing nuts is brought on to the bus due to nut allergies. Please also be advised that energy drinks are not allowed on the coach.**

Passports and EHIC/GHIC cards

As discussed at the parents' information evening, **we are required to collect all passports and EHIC/GHIC cards**. Please ensure that your child's passport and EHIC card is now in school. All documents will be stored in the school safe until our departure.

Spending money

As highlighted at the parents' information evening, students are responsible for their spending money for the duration of the trip. There will be the opportunity to buy lunches on both days in the markets and purchase gifts. Students will need to buy something to eat on the journey home.

Twitter account

As discussed, you can follow my school Twitter account for the trip. It is a great way to document the trip and for you to see pictures of what the students get up to during the trip. My twitter username is @HGSA_MissHill and we will use the hashtag #AmiensArras2022.

Mobile phones

Students are welcome to bring items such as mobile phones, but do so at their own risk. Such items are not covered under our travel insurance so students need to ensure that all of their belongings are kept safe. There will also be a trip mobile phone for emergency contact only. I will share this number with you prior to departure.

Kit List

As discussed at the parents' information evening, students need to be dressed warmly for the market trips, wearing appropriate footwear. As well as standard overnight toiletries, pyjamas etc please ensure that a towel is packed. Students must travel in their hoodies, which will be distributed next week.

Medicine

Please ensure that all medicines are handed in to HGSA reception prior to departure, clearly labelled, to be monitored by staff on the trip.

I hope all of the students are looking forward to the trip and if you require any further information at all then please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Hill
CTL for MFL & Trip Leader