



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

5th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A Festive Visit to the Christmas Market, Lille, France – Friday, 6th December 2024

I am excited to inform you about a visit to the famous Christmas Market in Lille, France on Friday, 6th December 2024, to support the curriculum plans for the current Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils. Pupils in Year 8 and 9 who choose French as their Language option next year, will be given priority for the visit.

Please note, that there will be an early departure on Friday, 6th December at approximately **5am/6am** and a late return to school at approximately **9pm/10pm**. More information confirming exact timings will be communicated nearer the time.

Please find a below, a glimpse of the exciting itinerary for the day:

- **Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Treille:** Step into the remarkable Cathedral and discover the fusion of modern and traditional architecture.
- **La Place Charles de Gaulle (La Grande Place):** Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Lille's central square, the Grand Place. Surrounded by impressive buildings and charming cafes, it's the perfect setting for pupils to absorb the local culture.
- **Le Vieux Lille (Old Town):** Wander through the cobblestone streets of Le Vieux Lille, immersing yourselves in the city's rich history and picturesque charm.
- **Christmas Market Magic:** The highlight of the day! Pupils will dive into the festive ambiance of the Christmas Market, explore stalls, savour seasonal treats, and participate in a Christmas Market Quiz. The quiz will test their observation skills, cultural knowledge, and holiday spirit, making the day not just a delightful adventure but also an educational experience.
- **Euralille and Supermarket Stop:** Venture into the modern landscape of Euralille, where pupils will have the opportunity to experience contemporary Lille. We will visit a local supermarket to explore regional products and festive offerings, adding a unique touch to our day.

The purpose of the visit is to provide the opportunity for pupils to enjoy the cultural experience by visiting one of the most beautiful and exciting French cities. In addition, pupils will be able to use and improve their spoken and receptive French in an authentic setting.

The cost per pupil for the visit to Lille, is £132.00. There are limited spaces for the visit Lille, therefore will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To secure a place for your son or daughter, please make a non-refundable deposit payment of £20.00 via ParentPay www.parentpay.com as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23rd February 2024. The remainder can be made by installments as per the schedule below or you can pay extra payments between the dates or in full if you so wish.

If you are unable to secure a place and your son or daughter would like to attend the visit, please email me via: fremv@archten.croydon.sch.uk **as soon as possible** to be added to the waiting list.

Payment	Amount	Date to be paid by
Payment 1	£20.00 (<i>non-refundable deposit</i>)	Friday, 23 rd February
Payment 2	£20.00	Monday, 1 st April
Payment 3	£20.00	Wednesday, 1 st May
Payment 4	£20.00	Monday, 3 rd June
Payment 5	£20.00	Monday, 1 st July
Payment 6	£20.00	Thursday, 1 st August
Payment 7	£12.00	Monday, 2 nd September

In addition to the cost of the visit, we recommend that your son or daughter brings a minimum of **€30.00 euros** spending money (approximately £25.00) so they can budget their own lunch/dinner, rides and perhaps buy a souvenir.

Currency Reminder

Please ensure that your child brings **euros, not pounds** to ensure a smooth experience during the cultural exploration and the Christmas market.

Passport Information

Pupils will require a **valid passport for the time of travel**, which we will need to see before July 14th, 2024. We are advised that passports should be valid for at least 6 months after the visit (valid until 6th June 2025). **Pupils who hold a non-British passport will need to check with their own embassy for validity and any additional visa's** required for travel.

Travel Information

Pupils will travel via coach (Executive Coach Company) via the Eurotunnel to France. Departure from school will be at approximately 5am/6am. We will return to school at approximately 9pm/10pm where pupils will be dismissed.

We look forward to providing pupils with a day filled with exploration, learning, and festive cheer.

Yours sincerely

Miss Fremy

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Teacher of MFL