



Dear Parents / Carers,

The MFL department are delighted to offer your child the fantastic opportunity to take part in an exciting trip to **Lille, France**, to experience the famous Lille Christmas Market.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to experience French culture and the festive atmosphere of Lille, while also having the opportunity to use and develop their French language skills. There are 30 places available on the trip, and it will be open to students in Years 8 to 11 on a first come, first served basis.

Dates: Friday 4th December – Saturday 5th December 2026

The below is a provisional itinerary arranged and agreed with Diverse School Travel. Confirmed detailed itineraries and all final details will be given in due course.

The trip will include:

- Private coach transport for the duration of the trip
- Return Eurotunnel Le Shuttle crossings
- 1 night accommodation at Auberge de Jeunesse Lille
- Accommodation on a half-board basis
- Breakfast and dinner at the accommodation
- Visit to the Lille Christmas Market
- Visit to Le Village de Noël
- Visit to the Palais des Beaux-Arts
- Visit to Lille Cathedral
- Explore the Old Town of Lille
- Free time to explore the Christmas Market and enjoy the festive atmosphere
- Opportunity to experience French culture, food and the Christmas traditions of Lille

Cost and payment

The total cost of the trip will be £309 per student.

This will be paid in two instalments:

- £159 non-refundable deposit – by Wednesday 30th September 2026
- £150 final balance – by 30th October 2026

A **non-refundable deposit of £159** will be required to secure your child's place and must be paid via **ParentPay by Wednesday 30th September 2026**. The remaining balance of **£150** will then be payable by **30th October 2026**. The payment schedule will also be visible on ParentPay. The trip will be open for deposits from **Monday 28th September at approximately 3pm**.

We appreciate that the cost of school trips can sometimes be a concern for families. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium (PP) and you have concerns about meeting the cost of this trip, please do get in touch to see if we may be able to offer financial support to help ensure that your child can take part.

This trip is designed to be both personally and academically enriching. However, the school reserves the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour/attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

Students are unable to travel without the GHIC card. Please click on the Government link below for further information <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>. Students also need a minimum of 6 months left on their passports from the date of travel.

We are very much looking forward to giving students the opportunity to experience Lille and its wonderful Christmas markets, while developing their cultural awareness and enjoying a memorable trip together.

Best Wishes,
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