

Monday 11th June 2018**Proposed Visit to Disneyland Paris for current Year 9 pupils**Thursday 18th July – Sunday 21st July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I propose to organise a visit to Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park for interested pupils during the summer term next year. The draft itinerary is as follows:

Day 1 – Thursday 18th July

- ✓ Depart school at 6am
- ✓ Stop for food at services en route (cost not included - pupils could also bring a packed meal/snacks)
- ✓ Brief stop in Paris to view Eiffel Tower and take a short boat trip along the Seine (included within price)
- ✓ Stop at a shopping mall en route late afternoon/early evening to visit the food court (students will be given 10 euro each towards any meal they wish to purchase)
- ✓ Check in at hotel approx. 8pm

Day 2 – Friday 19th July

- ✓ Breakfast at hotel (included in price)
- ✓ Full day in Walt Disney Studios and Disneyland Park (“Hopper” tickets including Fastpass use)
- ✓ Lunch in Park (included in price)
- ✓ Meal in Park (included in price)
- ✓ Depart after fireworks display approx. 11.30pm

Day 3 – Saturday 20th July

- ✓ Breakfast at hotel (included in price)
- ✓ Full day in Walt Disney Studios and Disneyland Park (“Hopper” tickets including Fastpass use)
- ✓ Lunch in Park (included in price)
- ✓ Meal in Park (included in price)
- ✓ Late departure to hotel

Day 4 – Sunday 21st July

- ✓ Breakfast at hotel (included in price)
- ✓ Stop for food at services en route home (cost not included)
- ✓ Arrive back (very tired!) around 5pm

The trip is being organised through Rhapsody Tours and includes the following:

- Return executive coach travel
- 3 nights’ accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis (based on 2 or 3 pupils sharing a room)
- 2 meals (i.e. lunch and dinner) on each day in the Parks
- Comprehensive insurance (summary available on request)
- 2 day “Hopper” Tickets (with Fastpass included)
- Ticket for Seine River Boat Cruise

It is not compulsory to go on this trip and your son/daughter would not be educationally disadvantaged in any way if they chose not to go. I am organising the trip to give our current Year 9 an opportunity to enjoy an experience together outside of school and to incentivise and reward hard work and effort during the academic year. With this in mind the trip will only be open to pupils whose Attitude to Learning grade on their most recent grade sheet averages between 3 (Good) and 4 (Outstanding). In addition, it goes without saying that your son/daughter would be expected to show continued good behaviour AND attendance within school. In the rare event that a student might receive an exclusion it must be noted they would be likely to have their places withdrawn as a consequence.

The total cost of the trip is £410 payable in instalments, with an initial deposit of £70 due by Friday 6th July 2018. Please make the payments online via WisePay. If this is not possible, please arrange for cash or cheques payable to 'Wootton Academy Trust' to be paid in at Reception in a sealed envelope stating the pupils name and tutor group and the trip name.

The payment schedule is as follows:

Deposit	£80	1 st July 2018
Payment 2	£55	1 st October 2018
Payment 3	£55	1 st November 2018
Payment 4	£55	1 st December 2018
Payment 5	£55	1 st February 2019
Payment 6	£55	1 st March 2019
Payment 7	£55	1 st April 2019
Total	£410	

It is important to me for the trip to be affordable to as many pupils as possible, hence the early notice and prolonged payment period. I am also conscious of how the current economic climate has affected many people's disposable income, hence the effort to include breakfast plus lunch and dinner on each of the days we are in the parks. The only other expense will be for food en route to and from Paris and spending money for souvenirs etc.

This trip offers children a valuable social experience and enables children to learn and develop new skills. It is a visit which we are keen that all children are able to access. Such experiences cost a lot of money and this visit is no exception. If your child would like to be considered for this visit, but you feel that you simply cannot afford to fund it, please let me know; I cannot promise anything but we will look at any requests for financial help on an individual basis.

The deposit is non-refundable but will only be sent to Rhapsody Tours once we have sufficient numbers who have made a firm commitment to make the trip economically viable. Places on the trip will be offered to pupils whose reply slip and deposit have been received by July 6th. In the event of more requests being received than places being available, I will seek to book a larger coach. If this is not possible then a ballot will take place from all deposits received by July 6th. If at July 6th there are still unfilled places, then these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Should you require any further information or details please do not hesitate to contact me at school by telephone or at istewart@wootton.beds.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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