

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Proposed Visit to: Lille and Paris trip February 2019**

The French department are excited to run a trip to Lille and Paris which will take place between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This will be in the form of a speaking boot camp in preparation for the GCSE oral exams but with a mix of fun and cultural activities giving opportunities for pupils to use their French and hear French in real contexts.

During our stay we will visit:

- the Belgian town of Bruges
- Stay in the historic northern city of Lille
- Visit a waffle factory
- Have an action-packed day trip in Paris (including the Tour Montparnasse, a ride on a bateau-mouche and chance to see many of the beautiful sights around the city)
- Two mornings of intensive speaking preparation led by the Ripley language department

We will travel by coach from Ripley with professional drivers and the coach will be for our use only throughout the week. We will be staying in a good quality bed and breakfast hotel in the centre of Lille and dining out in the evening.

The total cost of the trip will be £480 per pupil which includes all travel, accommodation, meals and activities. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the journey; spending money; waterproof jacket; warm clothing etc. There will be further information given out at a parents' information evening nearer the time.

Payment can be made by instalments. An initial deposit of £100 will need to be paid by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 with the final payment of £380 needed by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Payments should be made online at [www.scopay.com/ripley](http://www.scopay.com/ripley) using your personal login details from the letter issued to pupils. If you have any problems using the online payment system please contact the school finance office for assistance.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in this visit, please complete and return the attached application form, and pay the deposit by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The forms should be returned to the blue box outside Learning Support in an envelope clearly marked with your son's / daughter's name and Year 11 French Boot camp trip on the outside.

*Believe.....*

Principal Mr M Wood  
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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A fully completed Parental Consent and Medical Form will also be required; this will be circulated at a later date.

With regard to cancellations we will endeavour to re-allocate the place but we cannot guarantee a full refund where irrecoverable costs have been incurred. Where cancellation arises for justifiable reason (eg medical grounds) then this would usually be covered by our travel insurance. We have a contract with the travel company and we will be passing your child's personal information to them.

Please note that late receipt of payment(s) and/or forms, including the consent form, will jeopardise your son's/daughter's opportunity to take part in the visit.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Stride and Miss S Huddart

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR THE  
TRIP/VISIT TO :

**Lille, France**

<b>Visit to:</b>	Lille
<b>The following activities will be undertaken:</b>	Speaking boot camp lessons, tour of Lille and tour of Paris
<b>The alternative (Plan B) activity/venue is :</b>	No alternative Plan B. If cancelled the party will return to base / school.
<b>Date(s) of the visit:</b>	Leave on : Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 Return on: Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>The mode of transport is:</b>	Coach and P&O Ferries
<b>The time &amp; place of departure is:</b>	We depart from school at 12.30pm
<b>The approximate time &amp; place of return is:</b>	We return to school at 12.30pm
<b>For residential visits the accommodation address &amp; tel. number is :</b>	Premiere Classe Lille
<b>The base contact details are : (NB <u>these should be used in emergency situations only</u>)</b>	Mon to Fri up to 16:00hrs : 01524 64496 ext 1023 All other times : 07722027582

If Parents/Guardians have any concerns prior to the trip/visit taking place, please contact :-

Miss S Huddart: 01524 64496

e-mail : Via ParentLine on the school "Contact Us" Page

**NOTE: Ripley St Thomas CE Academy has insurance arrangements in place for covering personal injury to pupils. Details are available on the school website or you can request a copy from the school's Educational Visit Co-ordinator**

**IMPORTANT**

**PARENTAL/CARER CONSENT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM**

The attached consent form **MUST** be completed and returned to the school **before** your child may participate in the visit/activity.

**Application form for: Lille Speaking Boot camp**

All activities, events or trips that are not a necessary part of the curriculum are subject to the Passport to Privilege (P2P) protocol, which recognises and rewards good effort and behaviour. The principles of the Passport to Privilege are regularly outlined by progress leaders through assemblies and displayed on posters in form rooms. It is clear that a positive attitude to behaviour and studies will result in the opportunity to participate in events and activities organised by Ripley colleagues.

Parents must also be aware that, if at any point prior to the trip, concerns are raised about your child's attitude and / or behaviour, Ripley reserves the right to withdraw the invitation to participate. If this were to happen, whilst every effort would be made to make a refund this may not always be possible.

I accept the P2P principles and request that my son /daughter

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TUTOR GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

be considered for a place on the **Lille Speaking boot camp**

TRIP LEADER **Miss S Huddart**

DATE(s) OF TRIP **11/02/19 to 16/02/19**

I understand that places on this trip will be allocated based on P2P principles. The decision to offer a place will be made in consultation with the trip leader, my child's progress leader and members of the school senior leadership team.

**Online payment for £100 for the deposit made on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)**

Signed..... Parent/Guardian

Date.....