

24th October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

KS3 trip to Nice: Saturday 18th May to Friday 24th May (including travelling time)

The opportunity has arisen for up to 24 students to join next year's homestay programme in Nice, France. Students will be staying with a French host family, whilst sampling the best of the Riviera, maximising the linguistic and educational benefits. All students will be accommodated in the same area, usually in pairs.

The total cost of the trip is £865.00. This price includes:

- a) **Travel:** Students will be travelling to England via Easyjet and then to Nice also with an Easyjet flight. Transfers from Nice airport to host families are included, as well as any travel for excursions (see below).
- b) **Accommodation:** Students will be staying with host families in pairs around Nice, where breakfast and dinner will be included. Lunch – a three course meal- will be consumed at the school cafeteria.
- c) **Daily activities:** In the morning, students will be attending French classes at the French school Azurlingua (<http://www.azurlingua.co.uk>). Azurlingua is a school for foreign learners of French; our students will be in class with other students from St. Ninian's High School. They will have a total of 20 lessons of 45 minutes. The programme of afternoon excursions will include: - A visit of Nice - An excursion to the village of Saint Paul de Vence, including a visit to the Fondation Maeght Museum – A visit of Monaco.
- d) Other activities will include either a salsa lesson or a cookery workshop and a meal in a local restaurant.

Group Insurance

Please note - Insurance Cover – We would like to make parents/guardians aware that the trip is covered by a general insurance policy. We recommend that if your child has any specific ongoing health issues that you raise them BEFORE booking a place on the trip with the trip leader as this may influence the insurance cover.

This price does not include: Pocket money (Sterling or Euros), meals at airports, transport to Ronaldsway airport and back.

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This will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience France and the French language in context. We would appreciate an early reply if your child is interested.

Can you please complete the parental permission form below and attached passport form.

Step 1: Complete the form below and return to the Lower School Office **on Friday, 16th November 2018, with a deposit of £165.00 made payable to St. Ninian’s High School** (*Please note that this is a non-refundable deposit, unless the price of the trip has to increase due to unforeseen circumstances, or ** your child cannot attend due to a medical reason evidenced by a doctor’s certificate). Your child will have to choose who to share with. It is also possible to stay in a host family on one’s own on request.

Further payments are due as follows: 18th December 2018, **£175**; 29th January 2019, **£175**; 26th February 2019, **£175**; 26th March 2019, **£175**.

Acceptance and participation on the trip will be subject to adherence to the School’s Code of Conduct on Behaviour. Any student who has shown, or does show, a persistent reluctance to adhere to it, will not be accepted on or may be removed from the trip at any time, with loss of deposit.

Step 2: All passports would be collected before the trip and would need to be brought into the School Office no later than Friday 3rd May 2019 (in an envelope, clearly labelled). There will be a parents’ information evening on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 but should you have any questions or queries beforehand, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone during school hours.

Yours faithfully

Sylvie Géal-Wilkes
Subject Leader – Modern Foreign Languages

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My son/ daughter would like to take part in the 2019 French Homestay visit to Nice.

Name: _____ (exactly as on passport) **Tutor group:**

Date of birth _____ **Nationality**

He/ she would like to share with:

Parent/Guardian’s Telephone number during school hours

I allow*/ do not allow* my child to swim under supervision (*delete as appropriate)

I enclose a **non-refundable** deposit of £165 to initially reserve a place.

Please note: It is the **parental responsibility** to make it known immediately to the Lower School Office if there is a name change or any other changes at any time. For non-British or non-Manx passport holders, it is also the parental responsibility to find out whether a visa is needed to travel to England and France. It is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to ensure their child has a valid passport up to 24th November 2019.

I certify that all the above information is correct.

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian