



18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 12 French Trip to Provence: Friday 12 - Monday 15 March 2027

We would like to offer A/AS Level French students the opportunity to travel to Provence in March 2027. The trip has been carefully scheduled over a weekend in order to minimise disruption to students' academic studies and ensure that they miss as little lesson time as possible. The main aim of the visit is to provide students with an immersive French language experience, allowing them to develop their confidence and understanding through direct exposure to the language, culture, and everyday life in France. In addition, the itinerary has been designed to complement key themes studied within the A Level curriculum by visiting a range of historically and culturally significant locations.

During the trip, students will have the opportunity to explore the historic city of Arles, renowned for its rich Roman heritage, as well as visit the magnificent Pope's Palace in Avignon, one of the most important medieval landmarks in Europe. The group will also discover Marseille, the oldest city in France, with its unique blend of history, culture, and Mediterranean influences. To provide a contrasting perspective, students will spend time in the elegant city of Aix-en-Provence, known for its artistic heritage, distinctive architecture, and vibrant Provençal atmosphere.

Throughout the visit, students will be accompanied and supervised by two members of staff, who will provide support, guidance, and ensure the smooth running of all activities. The trip promises to be both an educational and enriching experience, enhancing students' linguistic skills while deepening their appreciation of French history, culture, and society.

The accommodation in Arles will be in a city centre hotel. Students will be sharing single-sex, multi-bedded private rooms. Breakfast will be provided, but the students will need Euros to buy lunch and dinner each day (we would suggest £30 - £40 a day).

The total cost of the trip, which includes flights including baggage, all transport, including to and from the airport, excursions and entry into sights, accommodation, breakfast and [insurance](#), as well as a voluntary contribution towards travel and other activities, will be between **£550 - £650** depending on the final number travelling. Please note if the trip is not viable due to insufficient funding we will let you know in good time and refund any payments made.

To secure a place for your child on this trip, **please pay an initial deposit of £300 by 9am Friday 2 October 2026** via [Parentpay](#). If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay please email parentpay@swbgs.com. Once numbers have been confirmed we will provide you with a payment schedule to spread the final cost of the trip.

Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying for support.

Please note that the deposit is a commitment to pay the full cost of the trip. If your child withdraws from the trip, we will endeavour to find a replacement to take their place, otherwise you will be required to pay the full cost. If your child is unable to travel once full payment has been made, a refund of recoverable costs will be made.

This is a Category C trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy, and as such it is imperative that students follow the school's behaviour policy at all times. Students are to follow instructions from teaching staff and the specialist guides. Alcohol consumption, smoking and vaping are prohibited and students are prohibited from entering accommodation areas of the opposite sex.

Every student will require a **valid passport** that was issued no earlier than ten years before the start of the trip (i.e. 12 March 2017) and which has a minimum 3 months validity from the end of the trip (expiring no earlier than **15 June 2027**). Students will also require a valid **Global/European Health Insurance Card**. These can be obtained free of charge - [GHIC/EHIC](#)

If you have any queries please email mfl.office@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Colville
Head of MFL