



Beyond Expectations

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KS4 France Visit 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we are planning an exciting educational trip to **France** from **Thursday 22nd October to Sunday 25th October 2026**, organised in partnership with Diverse School Travel.

In order to be able to go on this trip, your child must be opting to do French at GCSE in year 10 and 11 as this is a trip for KS4 students of French.

This four-day, three night trip promises to be a memorable and enriching experience for our students, offering them the opportunity to explore French culture, language, and cuisine while visiting a range of engaging attractions.

We will be travelling by coach and Eurotunnel. Students must have a passport to be able to go on this trip. They will need to bring a packed lunch or money to buy lunch for the journey to France. A packed lunch will be provided for the return journey.

Students will stay for three nights at Éthic Étapes Île d'Or and will be accommodated in multi-bed rooms with ensembles. The trip will be on a full-board basis, meaning all meals are included.

During our stay, students will take part in a range of exciting excursions, including:

- A visit to the Mason Bigot Chocolaterie
- A tour of Château de Chenonceau
- A river cruise around Chenonceau
- A visit to the town of Tours
- A trip to the Futuroscope theme park
- A visit to the Amboise market

The total cost of the trip is **£562 per student**. This price includes travel, accommodation, meals, excursions, and insurance.

To secure your child's place a deposit of **£50.00** is required via ParentPay by **Friday 30th January**, which is non-refundable if the trip goes ahead, with places issued on a first come first served basis. Once the deposit is paid and your child's place secured we will send out a payment schedule for the remaining balance. Please note all payments on the schedule will be non-refundable.

All students are expected to have positive Ready and Able to learn profiles between now and the trip, please note that any incidents of misbehaviour in school may lead to your child being withdrawn from the trip. In these circumstances no refund will be provided.

I understand you may have questions regarding the trip and you're welcome to email me on kpatrick@theaxholmeacademy.com. I will also be holding a trip information evening at the start of September to give students, parents and carers a greater insight into this fantastic opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Patrick
(MFL Department)

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