

# Overton Grange School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

As part of their History course in Year 12 students study events leading up to the French Revolution and there is a particular focus on the excessive spending of King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette. In order to encourage learning in this area, the History Department has organised a trip to the **Palace of Versailles on Friday 25 January, 2019.**

The palace is now a 'monument historique' and UNESCO World Heritage site, notable especially for the ceremonial Hall of Mirrors, where the famous Treaty of Versailles was signed. We shall follow the events of 1789 at the place where the King and Queen learned of the storming of the Bastille in Paris on July 14, 1789. This visit should prove to be very memorable.

**The cost of this day trip is £120** and includes return Eurostar travel, metro tickets and entrance to the palace and gardens. Students will be required to **provide food and drink to last them the whole day (breakfast, lunch and dinner)** and must have a **valid passport and EHIC** medical card, which can be obtained from your local post office or from the website [www.ehic.ie](http://www.ehic.ie).

*This visit is classified as a voluntary activity and under the regulations of the Education Reform Act 1988 I have to inform you that the school cannot charge for this trip. We would ask you to make a voluntary contribution of £120.00. I should make it clear there is no obligation to make this contribution and that students will not be excluded from the visit because parents are unable to contribute. However, as we are unable to fund the activity in any other way it will be cancelled unless we cover costs. If you do have financial difficulties then please put it in writing to Mrs Lambert in the Finance Office.*


We will meet at the **International Departures Gate at London St Pancras station** at **6.00 am** on 25<sup>th</sup> January and return the same day at approx. **8.40 pm**. For more information on the check in procedure please go to <https://www.seat61.com/London-to-Paris-by-train.htm#Eurostar%20check-in>

Numbers are limited and therefore places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once a place on the trip is allocated all payments are non-refundable. Please note that any student who breaches school rules prior to departure is at risk of being denied the privilege of going on the trip.

**Payment for the trip should be made on ParentPay, and the attached slip should be placed in the black box next to the Finance Office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

If your son/daughter has any medical / emergency contact details that may have changed, please notify the school as soon as possible. If you require any more information regarding this trip please contact me via email [c.buxton@overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:c.buxton@overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

  
Mrs Buxton  
Trip Leader

To: Mrs Buxton, Trip Leader

Re: Versailles Trip 25.01.19

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (student) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Tutor Group) to go to **Versaille** on **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019.**

- I have paid **£120** online using my Parent Pay account and will return the permission slip to the black box  
 My ParentPay ordered reference is: \_\_\_\_\_

**My son / daughter's passport number is** \_\_\_\_\_ **and the expiry date is** \_\_\_\_\_.

Please state nationality: British  Other  (Please state) .....

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Please print name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

**To be returned to the black box next to Finance by FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

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