

Our Ref: JDB/DMB

24 February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Disneyland Paris  
12 – 14 February 2024

The Maths Department is delighted to offer an opportunity for students to go on a trip to Disneyland® Paris designed to enrich GCSE candidates. The Mathematics Experience is a residential education programme based at Disneyland® Paris, a world-class entertainment and leisure destination. The resort is part of the massive Disney empire and leads the way in combining technology with live entertainment. The study experience covers content from our exam board and looks to bring it alive in a fun and interactive way.

This curriculum-led trip includes a Mathematics Seminar, an Interactive Workshop and a number of specialist assignments. Also included is entry to the resort's two theme parks, Disneyland® Park and Walt Disney Studios® Park, allowing students the opportunity to have fun and experience, at first-hand, the application of their subject in real-life environments. The seminar will have a focus on theme parks, either looking at Roller Coaster Design or Theme Park Finance.

The trip consists of a three day, two night stay during Half Term from **February 12<sup>th</sup> – February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024** at a B&B Hotel.

There are 60 places available with us needing to fill a minimum of 40 spaces. The cost of the trip is £425.00 and includes:

- Return coach travel and channel crossings from Oaklands Catholic School to Disneyland® Paris
- Two nights hotel accommodation at a B&B Hotel
- Continental breakfasts
- Dinner in the park on night 1. Please note we have budgeted £10 per student for this. It is vital students have their own spending money should they wish to spend more in the restaurant.
- Dinner at one of the Disney restaurants on night 2
- One day Hopper Ticket to Disneyland® Park and Walt Disney Studios® Park
- One curriculum-led seminar, hosted by Study Experiences facilitator lasting one hour
- Interactive workshop lasting one hour
- Student worksheets, with subject-specific assignments
- The services of the Study Experiences resort and education teams
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Government taxes and service charges

A deposit of £85.00 would be required by Friday 10 March 2023 followed by

- Second deposit of £60.00 by Monday 17 April 2023
- Third instalment of £70.00 by Monday 5 June 2023
- Fourth instalment of £70.00 by Tuesday 5 September 2023
- Fifth instalment of £70.00 by Monday 2 October 2023
- Final instalment of £70.00 by Thursday 2 November 2023

Please note, students would need to bring a packed lunch/snacks for the outgoing journey (or additional money to buy food) as no meal is provided. It is essential that students bring at least 15 Euros spending money (this needs to be Euros to spend in France) to allow for buying lunch in the park on day two and £10.00 spending money for a meal on the return journey (likely a hot meal from the restaurant on the ferry) as these costs are not included in the cost of the trip. Euros will be accepted on the return journey ferry, but you may lose out in the exchange rate so Sterling is advised).

Students are welcome to bring additional spending money for use in the park or for other snacks as well. Please note this would need to be in Euros.

As part of the trip involves the theme park visit and as we will be spending a number of hours travelling, it is essential that students have comfortable clothes and shoes to wear. In particular, for the day in the park, students should wear clothes that cover them fully to help avoid injury. I would also advise they bring a small bag to carry their personal items around the park.

Our preferred method of payment is online via Scopay. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque, made payable to Oaklands Catholic School. Please do not send post-dated cheques.

Those families who qualify for pupil premium funding under the free school meal criteria or have been in receipt of free school meals in the last six years, may be eligible to receive a subsidy up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the trip.

#### Free school meals criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

As we are limited in the number of students that we can take, I would like parents to submit the attached reply slip but **not** send in any deposit at present. These must be handed in to the Finance Office by Monday 6 March 2023. If the activity is oversubscribed, a transparent draw will take place. Notification as to whether your child has a place will be communicated by Tuesday 7 March by email. The remainder will be put on a reserve list in the order they are drawn from the ballot.

Payments and accompanying paperwork must be handed in on or before the deadline date specified and late payments will jeopardise your child's place on the trip. Should your child withdraw from the activity, please be aware that deposits are non-refundable. Any further payments can only be refunded if the place can be filled by another student on the waiting list, or if the withdrawal is for an insurable reason. If there are significant changes to the cost of the trip, these may have to be passed on to the student. Be assured that we will try to keep such costs to a minimum.

We would advise that students do not to take valuables out on school activities, however, should they be taken parents should ensure personal possessions are adequately insured. It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to update the school should there be any changes to the medical information about their child. Please communicate these to Mrs Brettell, Business Support Manager.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school [j.beauvoisin@oaklandsdcatholicschool.org](mailto:j.beauvoisin@oaklandsdcatholicschool.org)

Yours sincerely

Miss J Beauvoisin  
Maths Department

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**PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023**

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Student Name: ..... Form: .....

I would like to submit an application for my child to participate in the visit to Disneyland Paris, 12 – 14 February 2024

He/she is in good health and I consent to him/her taking part in the programme detailed in your letter. Should my child secure a place on this trip, I will ensure deposits and payments are made according to the payment schedule as outlined in the trip letter.

I wish to apply for Pupil Premium

I will make future payments on line

Parental Signature: .....Date: .....

Email address: .....