

Our Ref: JDB/DMB

6 March 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Disneyland Paris - 16 – 19 February 2025

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 trip includes a Mathematics Seminar, an Interactive Workshop and a number of specialist assignments. Also included is two days of 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 four day, three night stay during Half Term from February 16th – February 19th 2025 at the B&B Hotel.

There are 60 places available with us needing to fill a minimum of 40 spaces. The cost of the trip is £640.00 and includes:

- Return coach travel and channel crossings from Oaklands Catholic School to Disneyland® Paris
- Three nights hotel accommodation at a B&B Hotel
- Continental breakfasts
- Dinner at the Hotel on night 1
- Dinner at one of the Disney restaurants on either night 2 or night 3
- A meal voucher to buy food at one of the designated restaurants in the park on the other night in the parks
- Two 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

Payment dates:

Deposit	£100 due Monday 15th April 2024
Second payment	£90 due Friday 3rd May 2024
Third payment	£90 due Friday 7th June 2024
Fourth payment	£90 due Friday 5th July 2024
Fifth payment	£90 due Friday 6th September 2024.
Sixth payment	£90 due Friday 4th October 2024
Final payment	£90 due Friday 8th November 2024

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 20 Euros spending money (this needs to be Euros to spend in France) to allow for buying lunch in the park on both days.

They also need £10.00 spending money for food 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. How much is entirely at your discretion. Disneyland accepts both cash and card payments. If students have a debit card in their name, child accounts do not generate any foreign exchange charges for card payments. Please note, if they bring a debit card, the school will not be held responsible if this is lost or stolen. It will be the responsibility of your child to contact you to lock or cancel the card.

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 days 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. It is also worth noting that it will be cold and possibly wet in February half term! So, pack accordingly.

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.

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 18 March 2024. 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 19 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@oaklandsdcatholicsschool.org

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Beauvoisin  
Maths Department

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**PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024**

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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, 16 – 19 February 2025

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 will make future payments on line

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

Email address: .....