



## Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Re: A-Level French and History trip to La Coupole – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The French and History departments are delighted to launch their joint visit to the La Coupole Centre d'Histoire in the Pas-de-Calais department of France. The museum is based in an old Second War bunker and was designed to be the base for launching the V2 rockets against London. In the words of the director of the museum, 'This is a place of historical and scientific culture that analyses the relationship between Science and War, between War and Image, leading us to a greater appreciation of peace'

#### **Relation to French Curriculum –**

This trip is being offered to Year 13 students who are studying the Occupation years. The theme of 'France during the Occupation Years' is a significant, compulsory element of the syllabus for French A Level. The focus is on *Life in Occupied France, the French Resistance and the Cultural dimension in Occupied France*. In addition, the book that students study (*Le Silence de la mer*) was also written during the Occupation Years and depicts the struggles faced by French citizens in the face of their German occupiers. By visiting La Coupole students will gain a valuable insight into this area of study and will have an opportunity to amass essential research work. There will also be the opportunity to improve French language skills as the Audio/Visuals will be in French.

#### **Relation to the History Curriculum -**

This will also offer a unique opportunity for Year 12 History students to develop a greater understanding of the legacy of the Second World War which will help to reinforce their understanding of the origins of the Cold War, which is a compulsory element of their A-Level studies. Students will also gain an understanding of the Holocaust and deportations to concentration camps.

Students will need to be at school no later than **6.45 a.m.** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. They will need to bring sufficient food and drink for the day and will be required to wear appropriate clothing in line with the sixth form dress code policy. There will be opportunities to purchase hot drinks, snacks and items in the museum gift shop. Students will be arriving back to school at approximately **8.45 p.m.**

The cost for the trip will be **£55**, which will include return travel via ferry and coach and entry to the museum. The visit will only take place if sufficient funds are collected. Families who find it difficult to contribute should please contact Mrs Hawkins, in the Finance Office, in confidence, via email [finance@langton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@langton.kent.sch.uk) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Please could payment be made via ParentPay by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Please complete the consent via Evolve by the same date.

**A valid passport is required: British travellers to the EU from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 must have a minimum of three months' validity remaining for travel to Europe. Students holding a non-British or non-EU-member passport may be required to apply for a Schengen area visa to enter France.**

Please ensure that your child has a current EHIC to cover healthcare whilst abroad. EHICs remain valid until the expiry date on the card. If the EHIC is due to expire in the next three months, you can apply for a GHIC, a UK Global Health Insurance Card. <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

There are currently no restrictions for entry into France in response to coronavirus. However, it is possible that these requirements may alter within the next 3 months.

If you have any questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us via email [Dlawrie@langton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Dlawrie@langton.kent.sch.uk) or [Tmillard@langton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Tmillard@langton.kent.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Lawrie and Mr Tom Millard