

# PARIS 2024

YEAR 9

May, 2024



Last weekend, 33 Year 9 students, accompanied by Miss Genneviève, Mrs Stone, Mr Stevens and Mr Whittaker, travelled to Paris to experience the local culture and get the opportunity to practice their French.

We travelled by coach and ferry, and our stop at the Port of Dover turned out to be one of the unexpected highlights of the trip: Heckmondwike students tried their best to speak French to several groups of French students, who, in turn, made the effort to reply in English.



On Saturday morning, we began our visit of Paris with a boat tour on the River Seine, which was our first opportunity to admire the Eiffel Tower.

Our next stop was the Louvre, the largest museum in the world, where most of us got a glimpse of the famous Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci.



Later on, our students enjoyed two hours of free time (and shopping!) on the Champs-Élysées, before having a closer look at the Arc De Triomphe.



On Sunday morning, we spent a few hours at the Vincennes Zoo. This visit was a late addition to our itinerary, but proved extremely popular with our students.

On Sunday afternoon, we headed to the Montmartre quarter, a particularly picturesque area resembling a traditional French village. The weather took a brief turn for the worse, which gave our students an excellent opportunity to find shelter in local cafés to order their own food and drinks.