

21 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Subject PIXL French Conference – GCSE Preparation – Tuesday 4 February 2020
Odeon IMAX Waterloo**

We are offering your child the opportunity to attend a GCSE French conference in preparation for the 2020 French GCSE examination at both Higher and Foundation level. The conference is run by the PIXI organization and incorporates advice and key examination strategies from chief examiners.

The conference is not compulsory but we strongly believe that attending this course will be of huge benefit to your child. This interactive and motivational French student conference is designed to equip your child with a range of strategies and techniques to maximise their exam performance at GCSE French.

The GCSE conference takes place on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at the IMAX in Waterloo London which means that your child will miss periods 1-4 at school but return for period 5. Staff and pupils will depart promptly from Hillingdon station at 8.15am to arrive for 9.15am. The conference begins at 9.30am at the ODEON IMAX Waterloo. Your child will need to bring money and travelcard for the journey to and from Hillingdon including snacks and drinks. They will also need to wear their school uniform and bring pen and paper for the session. We aim to arrive back at school for 2.00pm ready for the afternoon lesson.

The cost of the trip is £27.40, funded by voluntary contributions. It will only be possible to run the trip if the level of support from parents is sufficient. If you are experiencing financial hardship and this is likely to prevent your child attending, please contact me. The school has some funds available to facilitate student participation in these circumstances.

Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. **Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted.** Please log onto the system (www.squidcard.com) and select the 'trips/activities purse'. This trip will be clearly visible as **MFL GCSE PIXL French 2020** and must be specifically selected in order to make payment. Please follow the instructions on screen and answer the relevant questions. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made.

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It is very important that payment is made before the stated deadline of 9am Tuesday 28 January 2020. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions. Regrettably, a failure to pay promptly may result in your son or daughter being removed from the trip.

Vyners School has in place detailed procedures for ensuring that trips are well planned and that the health, welfare and safety of students is protected. A careful and written risk assessment has been prepared for this trip and adequate student supervision and insurance arrangements will be put in place.

It is expected that all students will observe the highest standard of politeness, courtesy and conduct at all times. Our students are representing Vyners School and it is expected that they will do everything in a way that reflects positively on themselves and the school. The School's Behaviour Policy continues to be in force throughout the trip. Should it prove necessary to send a student home for misbehaviour, parents / carers will be expected to meet all extra costs incurred. In the event of a student being refused participation on a trip before departure because of poor behaviour, any contributions already paid will also be forfeit.

If you have any queries please contact me on cmaksymowych@vynersschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Maksymowych". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

C Maksymowych
Subject leader for MFL