



Year 10 Paris trip July 2017



During ACE week 2017, 22 students from Year 10 accompanied by Mrs Kenyon, Mr Crénel and Mrs Gartland-Jones set off by Eurostar from Ebbsfleet International station for a four-day cultural trip to Paris.

This was a very active, sight-seeing trip and we walked a great deal, including up the Eiffel Tower. It was a wonderful experience to climb up through the iron structure and view it at such close quarters.

We also relaxed on one of the Bateaux Mouches on the Seine, visited Notre Dame, the Pompidou Centre, the Louvre and Jardin des Tuileries, the Champs-Élysées, the Musée d'Orsay and Montmartre.

One of the highlights was our evening visit to the Montparnasse Tower, which claims to have the fastest lift in Europe, travelling up 56 floors in just 38 seconds! The panoramic view from the open-air Observation Deck at the top was spectacular in the evening light and more attractive than from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

On the third day, students spent a very enjoyable and informative morning in French lessons at the Accord Language School. They were also responsible for ordering their own lunch each day and enjoyed having the freedom to go and eat in smaller groups.

We ended our visit with some free time in the newly-refurbished Forum des Halles shopping centre, before walking through the characterful streets of the Marais to enjoy a final ice-cream and a cooling paddle in the fountains of the beautiful Place des Vosges.

It was an extremely enjoyable, whirlwind tour of Paris and we all returned to school exhausted, but very happy.

