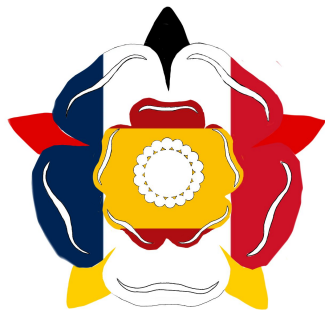




Sackville School

French



Maison Claire Fontaine

dimanche, 12 juillet - vendredi, 17 juillet 2026

Aims of the week

- Full immersion - all activities, mealtimes and excursions are conducted and led in French - there is no better time to practice speaking French!
- Engage in French history, culture (and food!!)
- Spend an active week outside, in the fresh air, away from mobile phones
- Develop independence and life skills

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- French language immersion specialists located in the *Yonne* department of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté (Burgundy)
- Approximately 6.5 hours on the coach from the Eurotunnel Terminal in Calais
- Lac Sauvin is a hamlet so small it doesn't 'officially' exist!
- Open site in the middle of the countryside - lots of fresh air!

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Accommodation



- Single-sex, 6 - 8 bed dormitories (with bunk beds)
- Storage lockers for suitcases/bags
- No WiFi!
- Students will be expected to make their bed each day, and strip and fold their bedding at the end of the week - please start practicing now!
- No food allowed in dormitories - please don't bring any!
- Student rooming meeting to take place next week - tutors will inform students

Travel



Sunday, 12th July 2026

Meet at School: **06:10**

Depart: **06.30**

Arrive Dover: **08.20**

EuroTunnel: **09.50**

Arrive France: **11.30**

Lunch stop

Arrive MCF: **18.35**

Friday, 17th July 2026

Load coach: **19:00, night before**

Depart: **04.00**

Arrive Calais: **11.00**

EuroTunnel: **12.20**

Arrive Dover: **11.55**

Arrive School: **1.30**

Students to ring when 30 minutes away

Our week at MCF

Sunday: Travel to MCF - two/three short stops

Monday: French lesson, French cooking, Circus Skills Workshop, Puzzle competition

Tuesday: French lesson, Mosaic Making, Visit to Vézelay, Post-Dinner Hike

Wednesday: Market activity at Noyers-sur-Serein, Tree Climbing/High ropes, Bingo Game

Thursday: Dijon Scavenger Hunt/Picnic, Dijon Shopping Centre Visit, Mr Francis' (in)famous quiz

Friday: Travel to Sackville

	dimanche 12	lundi 13	mardi 14	mercredi 15	jeudi 16	vendredi 17
M A T I N		Avoir un cours de français Faire de la cuisine française	Etudier le français Faire de la mosaïque	Faire les courses pour le déjeuner au marché de Noyers-sur- Serein	Visiter Dijon	D É P A R T
	déjeuner	déjeuner	déjeuner	pique-nique	pique-nique	
A P R È S - M I D I	A R R I V É E	Participer à un atelier de cirque	Visiter Vézelay	Grimper Dans les arbres Parc aventure	Visiter Dijon	
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S O I R	Se détendre	Faire un puzzle de la France	Faire une randonnée	Jouer au loto	Faire un quiz	

Our week at MCF



Mosaïc



Market



Vézelay



Circus



Tree Climbing



Dijon

Conduct

- MCF have been incredibly generous on price and want to work with us - we need to impress them!
- Respectful, polite, courteous - keeping rooms clean, putting equipment away
- Highest standards of behaviour expected - any serious issues and we will ask parents to come and collect students immediately
- Rewards and opportunities to win prizes for excellent behaviour, 'throwing yourself in' and French

What to pack



- Limited space on the coach - MCF asks that students bring one suitcase (maximum) and a small backpack for their water bottle/notebook
- Please see the packing list given to you as you came in - ask us if you have any questions
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on site - please bring for the journey - these will then be securely kept by a member of staff and given to students during journey times/days out to take pictures
- Spending money - small amount for lunch(es) on journeys, ice-cream, souvenirs - we suggest in region of 50 EUR maximum

Weather



- Generally hot and dry, but thunderstorms are possible
- When packing for circus activity, please remember long trousers/leggings/tights
- Pyjamas - needed for night time, light ones a good idea



Medication

- In a named, clear plastic bag, ideally also in the original box and with a copy of the prescription
- To be handed to your child's group leader on the day of departure
- Please sign and return the attached medical consent forms, which allow us to authorise medical care for your child in the (very) unlikely event of hospitalisation. A picture of your passport/ID is necessary to allow this!
- We will contact parents should anything untoward happen - it is a case of 'no news is good news'!

Passports

- If you have a British, or EU Passport, alongside another passport, then use that one
- If a student is not a British Citizen, we need them to travel with evidence of their Visa/proof of residency/settled status - please make sure the code is in-date
- Non-Schengen passport holders can enter France visa-free on school trips
- Please check your passport has a minimum of three months validity - if not, you will need to apply for a new one ASAP (and potentially seek an expedited appointment)
- Staff will look after Passports and hand these to students as we approach Dover/Calais/School

Food

- The only food students will need to purchase for themselves will be on the journeys to and from MCF - please bring some money for this (in Euros, or on a travel card/debit card) - be aware that Apple Pay does not always work abroad!
- MCF Serve a balanced set of meals - a continental breakfast (cereal, bread, butter, jam, yoghurt, hot chocolate, juice), and then a 3-course lunch and dinner each day
- Food is a mixture of 'classic' school trip food (Simple salads, Spaghetti Bolognaise) and local specialties - and French table manners mean students will be expected to make a good attempt at everything

To be completed

- Read the packing list and MCF rules carefully and discuss them with students - great chance for students to learn to pack for themselves? (And fold clothes?!)
- Please fill in the consent form and medical letters and return these to Mr Francis by **Friday, 26th June 2026**