



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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16 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

French Exchange Trip to Oujda and Casablanca, Morocco – 6-11 October 2025

I am delighted to offer all KS3 students who are studying French the opportunity to participate in a unique cultural and linguistic experience through our student exchange trip to Morocco, scheduled for **6-11 October 2025**.

This student exchange trip is not just a visit, but also a transformative experience. It is designed to prepare students for the culture of tomorrow by helping them develop the social, moral, spiritual and cultural strengths that will enable them to succeed in the wider world. Unlike a traditional school trip, our fully-immersive student exchange visit will allow your daughter to experience first-hand what it's like to attend a school with a very different culture, lifestyle and curriculum. This life-changing experience encourages personal development and teaches valuable life skills such as leadership, maturity and independence.

Students will visit the cities of Casablanca and Oujda and be afforded the opportunity to learn language and practice in an authentic context with native speakers.

The trip costs **£1410**, and we have tried to make it as all-inclusive as possible. The cost includes coach from the school to the airport, return flights to Morocco, including internal flights between Casablanca and Oujda, airport transfer (in Morocco), 5 nights B&B accommodation in a 2*hotel, all meals, travel insurance, and all our excursions.

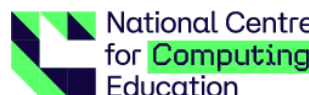
We will again be travelling with Global School Alliance. It is a highly reputable company based in the UK that successfully organises worldwide student study trips. Global School Alliance will plan and organise all transport, accommodation, and visits according to UK health and safety guidelines and provide us with 24-hour emergency support in the country, should it be required.

As part of our sistership school program, students participating in the trip will be immersed in a French-speaking environment and they will enhance their language proficiency through daily interactions and practical use of French in real-world situations. Additionally, they will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Moroccan culture, broadening their global perspective. This unique opportunity will foster new friendships, boost their confidence in speaking French, and create lasting memories that enrich their educational journey.

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If your child would like to participate in the trip, we require payment of a **non-refundable £210 deposit** via WisePay by **Friday 31 January 2025**.

The remaining balance of £1200 will be due as follows:

£240 by 24 February 2025

£240 by 21 March 2025

£240 by 25 April 2025

£240 by 16 May 2025

£240 by 20 June 2025

Alternatively, please feel free to pay the full **£1410** upfront. The number of places is limited to 30, and they will be allocated on a first-paid basis of the deposit or full payment. Further information will be distributed once I have a list of those who wish to participate in the trip.

Please be aware that payment on WisePay for the trip constitutes permission to attend this trip. Should you have any financial concerns about payment, please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

Once you have made your payment, please complete these forms using the links below by **Friday 31 January 2025**:

Code of Conduct <https://forms.office.com/e/Up2tMu4ge5>

Passport details <https://forms.office.com/e/dQDR6Ufk3N>

For the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact and medical information for students will be taken from the school database Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app or by email to Office@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs P Bongout
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