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Dear Parents/Carers



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Proposed Educational Visit to Normandy, France

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is currently looking at the possibility of organising an educational visit to Normandy in June 2020. This is being offered to pupils currently in year 8 who have opted for French in year 9, or who are dual-linguists. An Exchange visit will also be offered to pupils who have opted for German. Precise timings will be announced nearer to the date, but it is likely that we shall leave early on 07/06/20 and return on the evening of 10/06/20. The visit will offer students the chance to experience French culture, use the language in genuine scenarios and demonstrate a clear purpose for their language skills.

Pupils will need to obtain their own passport and the trip is expected to be approximately £500/pupil dependent on numbers. This will cover the costs of:

- insurance cover
- travel by coach and Eurotunnel
- essential cover for those staff accompanying the trip
- full-board and lodging at Le Château de Baffy
- Visits. At the moment it is too early to book the excursions in France but there are many options available to us, such as:
 - i) a traditional boulangerie, where pupils will be able to make their own bread
 - ii) the small town of Bayeux where pupils will visit the market and also see the famous tapestry
 - iii) a cider farm where pupils will learn (in French!) about how the apples are processed
 - iv) a goat farm to see the traditional production of milk and cheese, plus a tasting
 - v) a walk on the beach at Arromanches and a visit to their 360 cinema
 - vi) Festyland theme park
 - vii) a special tasting session where pupils can sample snails and frogs legs cooked in the traditional style

We are organising the trip through Select School Travel Ltd., a first class operator backed by ABTA membership and ATOL licensed, ensuring that all payments made are fully secure. Their Château de Baffy is very secure, in a rural location, and our group will have sole use of the accommodation building.

This trip is limited to 40 pupils and if oversubscribed a draw will take place after the closing date in the presence of a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Recent experience suggests that residential visits are often over-subscribed. To try and support as broad a range of students as possible to access residential visits, places in the initial draw will be given to students who are not taking part in the ski visit. If there is still space available on the Normandy visit we will draw from students who have been allocated a place on the ski visit.

Please return the attached consent form and pay the deposit as soon as possible. The form should be returned via Student Reception marked for the 'Attention of Mrs Jetson' and clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group marked **Normandy Visit June 2020**. At the same time, the deposit of £50 needs to be paid via ParentPay. The closing date for initial deposits is the **10th July 2019**. All deposits are non-refundable unless your child is unsuccessful in securing a place.

Students who wish to participate in this trip will not only be required to show the highest standards of behaviour and courtesy during the trip itself, but must have a consistently good record of behaviour in school and in French lessons in order to be offered a place. Any student whose behaviour becomes unacceptable after the trip has been booked may be excluded from the visit or required to return home early at the expense of parents or carers.

As a department, we are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our students and hope that you will be able to support us.

Yours faithfully,

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PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A SCHOOL VISIT
THIS FORM ONLY NEEDS TO BE RETURNED IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING BY PARENTPAY

1. **Visit to**.....

From **Date**..... **Time**..... To **Date**..... **Time**.....

2. **Medical details.** My son/daughter has the following medical or special needs.

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I understand that for residential visits I must complete and return a medical form, with up to date details, not more than fourteen days before the visit.

3. **Dietary details.** My son/daughter has the following dietary needs.

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4. **Insurance.** I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

5. **Transport.** I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

6. **Return to Home.** I understand the predicted time of return and where this is outside normal school hours I will attend to collect my son/daughter or my son/daughter will be returning home by.....

7. **Water Activities and Swimming.** For visits that involve water activities and/or swimming my son/daughter's swimming ability and consent to partake is (tick boxes): -

Non-swimmer	
Swim less than 50 metres	
Swim 50 metres or more	
I consent to my son/daughter undertaking the water activities and swimming notified in the visit programme.	
I consent to my son/daughter swimming in open water	

8. **Financial Contribution.** I am making a voluntary contribution of £..... which I either A) have sent via ParentPay, B) enclose or C) commit to pay by the advised date (delete as necessary).

9. **Photographs.** Photographs taken on the visit may be used in school or education service promotional information. Please answer Yes or No

I agree to my son/daughter attending the visit detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour

Name of son/daughter Class

Signed..... Date.....

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS JETSON, VIA STUDENT RECEPTION OR EMAIL TO: edvisits@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk