

May 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

**Y8-9 TRIP TO NORMANDY, FRANCE Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020**

**This will be the only opportunity that the current Year 7's have to go to France, as we are making changes to who we offer the trip for in 2021.**

The French Department is planning a fun-packed trip to sunny Normandy in France for Y8-9 pupils in July 2020, during the School Activities Week. The aim of the visit is to improve the pupils' confidence in French and to give them an insight into, and a real enthusiasm for the French language and culture. We will be staying at the highly rated 18<sup>th</sup> century Château du Molay, near Bayeux in the Normandy countryside.

<http://www.travelbound.co.uk/school-trips/france/chateau-du-molay>

**Accommodation**

The Château is situated in 38 acres of private land. It has its own heated outdoor swimming pool and a huge variety of on-site activities. The evening entertainments are assisted by qualified French-speaking staff based at the Château. The accommodation is of a very good standard offering full facilities with private bathrooms.

**Activities and Visits**

- Sweet factory
- Goats' cheese farm
- Cider farm
- Snail farm
- 360° Cinema showing a film about World War II
- A recently uncovered German war bunker that was home to 500 soldiers during WW2
- Bakery with hands-on croissant making
- American Military Cemetery where the film Saving Private Ryan was filmed
- Barbeque, Frogs and Snails evening
- Crêpe making & tasting evening

Pupils will also take part in a Masterchef activity where they visit a local market and buy ingredients with which they will prepare a meal that will be judged by the Château Chef.

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There will be a wide range of activities organised during the day which will combine language work and cultural enrichment. Pupils will be expected to complete a detailed study booklet and do some street interviews during the visit, and to participate in study sessions to boost their French.

**Travel details:** Travel is by coach and ferry

The travel dates are as follows: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Leave Silverdale School around 5am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Return home between 7-8pm in the evening of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 202

## **Brexit**

As you are aware, the UK government continues to have discussions with the European Union regarding the UK's exit from the union. Please be aware that the arrangements contained within this letter are provided to parents based on the latest information given to us at the time of issue. However once the UK's position is clearer we may need to write to you again to advise of possible changes to costs, travel or customs arrangements. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide parents with further updates as we receive them from our tour operator.

## **Trip Cost and Payment Arrangements**

If the trip is to go ahead a voluntary contribution of **£455** is required, which is the same price as the 2019 trip. This includes 'everything' - travel, insurance, full-board accommodation and food, all trips and entrance fees required. If payment is a barrier to any pupils, please contact the trip leader in the first instance.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part, please send a deposit of **£100.00**. Cheques must be made payable to Silverdale School, and taken to the Student Receptionist in an envelope clearly marked with Normandy Y8-9 Trip 2020 and your child's name and form. You can pay online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo. If you would like a copy of your unique activation username and password please email [parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk) stating your child's name and year group or contact the finance office at [finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk)

**The deadline for deposits is Thursday 6th June 2019.** Gaining a place on the excursion will NOT be on a first come, first served basis. Numbers will be counted after the deadline for deposits and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed, all names will be drawn out of a hat at random, creating a list of firm participants and a reserve list. If after the deadline, a pupil declines a place, deposits are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found.

Upon confirmation of your place on this trip, the staged deposits schedule will be as follows:

- 2nd payment - £120 by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019
- 3rd payment - £120 by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
- 4th payment - £115 by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

If you decide to withdraw your child from the trip, then according to the terms and conditions of the travel company, we must charge the following cancellation fee:

- More than 70 days before departure: Deposit £100
- 69 to 31 days before departure: 75% of the total invoiced tour price
- 30 to 1 day before departure: 100% of the total invoiced tour price

Please contact us at school if you have any questions. Further details about the Excursion will be given in due course.

Yours sincerely

*J Ford*

Mr J Ford  
Trip leader  
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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Y8-9 French Study Visit to Normandy in July 2020 and I enclose a deposit of £100.00.

I understand that should my child drop out of this trip then my £100 is non-refundable unless a replacement pupil can be found. The deadline for deposits is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION**

Name of student as it appears on passport \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

If passport not British/which nationality \_\_\_\_\_

If your child's current passport has expired and you are applying for a new one, please tick box

EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)  
expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's dietary requirements ie vegetarian/halal/food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_