

June 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

The Modern Languages Department trips on offer to Year 9 Monday 15th - Fri 19th July 2019.

For your information, in July 2019 when your child is in Year 9 the Languages Department will be running trips to France, Germany and Spain. Each trip has a different lead time in terms of when the booking needs to be made and when deposits are due. The French trip to a very popular Chateau in Normandy is the first to be offered, due to the need to reserve early places. Below is the first letter of invitation to participate in this French trip. The letters for the German and Spanish trips will go out to parents in September 2018. For your information, the Germany trip will cost about £385, and includes a visit to a wildlife park and open air swimming.

Y9 TRIP TO NORMANDY, FRANCE Monday 15th – Friday 19th JULY 2019

The French Department is planning a fun-packed trip to sunny Normandy in France for Y9 pupils in July 2019, 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 18th 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. Accommodation is of a very good standard offering full facilities with private bathrooms.

Activities and Visits

- Sweet factory
- Goats' cheese farm
- Cider 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

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- Barbeque, Frogs and Snails evening
- Crêpe making & tasting

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.

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 (approx.)

The travel dates are as follows: Monday 15th July to Friday 19th July 2019.

Leave Silverdale School around 5am on Monday 15th July 2019.

Return home in the evening of Friday 19th July 2019

Travel is by coach and ferry.

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 2018 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. Financial assistance is available at the Headteacher's discretion.

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 Y9 Trip 2019 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 stating your child's name and year group or contact the finance office at finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk

The deadline for deposits is Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 4pm.

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 payment schedule will be as follows:

- 2nd instalment - £120 by 30th November 2018
- 3rd instalment - £120 by 31st January 2019
- 4th Instalment - £105 by 15th March 2019

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 Y9 French Study Visit to Normandy in July 2019 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 Wednesday 4th September 2018 at 4pm

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 _____

