

June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Residential Visit to France – 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

A booking has been made for your child's year group to visit France during the Summer term of 2019.

The objectives of the visit are:

- To promote European awareness through 'immersion' into another European country
- To promote the appreciation of a different country, culture and language
- To stimulate and motivate students in achieving curricular goals in the National Curriculum subjects through planned and structured excursions in Normandy
- To provide a safe, secure and interesting environment for students to develop personally and socially

This trip supports both the academic and pastoral curriculum of the Academy and is fully supported by the Senior Leadership Team, the Pastoral Team and the Governors of the Academy.

The arranged dates are 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, departing from school late in the evening of 13<sup>th</sup> June. Our group will stay at the Chateau du Molay, 14km to the West of Bayeux and 15km from the coast and D-Day landing beaches. This is not only a centre providing excellent residential accommodation, but also has beautiful and extensive outdoor facilities which will be available to us for a range of activities, including opportunities such as swimming, sports, games and team building.

The cost per student should be no more than £480. Given currency fluctuations it is difficult to fix the price so far in advance. As the visit is an optional element of the curriculum, payment will be by voluntary contribution by parents, and the activity will not take place unless there are sufficient funds to cover its costs. We hope that most families will be able to cope with the payment schedule, but please let us know if there are any financial constraints which might prevent your son/daughter from taking part. The Academy has a limited ability to support families in this situation.

Overleaf, you will find further details of the costs involved, together with a schedule of payments. In order to secure your child's place on the trip, you will need to pay the initial deposit of **£100** to secure the place. This should be paid via ParentPay by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. The completed consent form should be returned to the main school office. Please do not hesitate to contact school should you have any concerns or queries at this stage.

The cost per student will be £480.00 and includes the following:

1. All travel by coach and ferry/Euro tunnel to and from school
2. A full excursion programme (e.g. D-Day beaches, market visit to Normandy, )
3. Travel insurance (the school's own policy)
4. Collective passport charges
5. Full board arrangements at the Chateau
6. A programme of day and evening activities and entertainment, including swimming and other outdoor activities.

7. A souvenir hoody, they are useful for keeping warm on the coach and identifying students on excursions.

The payment schedule is as follows:

- Initial deposit                    £100                    Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Second payment                £100                    Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- Third payment                    £100                    Friday 05<sup>rd</sup> October 2018
- Fourth payment                 £100                    Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2018
- Fifth payment                    £80                      Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

Please note that initial deposit is non-refundable. If your son or daughter becomes unable to take part in the trip, then the Travelbound cancellation policy is as follows:

Period before departure within which notification of cancellation is received	Amount of cancellation charge
More than 70 days before departure	<b>Full deposit</b>
69 to 31 days before departure	75% of the total invoiced holiday price
30 to 1 day before departure	100% of the total invoiced holiday price
Departure date or afterwards	Total holiday price

A condition of being allowed to go on the visit is sustained good behaviour and attendance. If it becomes apparent that a student may be in danger of being removed from the visit due to a series of behavioural issues or attendance issues, then parents will be notified as quickly as possible. Should the student's behaviour/attendance continue to cause concern, the school reserves the right to withdraw the student from the visit and the **money will be forfeited** as per the table above. Students may also be removed from the visit as a result of a one off serious breach of the student code of conduct during Year 7 or 8.

Students **will not** require their own individual passport as we will be using a collective passport. However, for those students who hold a **non UK passport**, please be aware that it is your responsibility to check that the passport is within date and that your son/daughter is able to travel in and out of the UK on that passport with school, with no restrictions.

If your child also has any major health issues, please make this known to us at the start.

Yours Faithfully



N Collins ( Trip Leader)