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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Trip to France 2017

Subject to final governors' approval, we are planning on taking a group of 30, Year 10 students to Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, France, on a four day trip from Thursday 22nd June to Sunday 25th June 2017. As your child has opted to take French at GCSE I would like to invite them to take part in this exciting opportunity.

The visit will be a weekend of full immersion in the French language that allows students to use their French in a wide variety of situations and to find out about cultural and historical aspects of France. They will also write about their experiences during the week. Students will be assigned a range of different tasks during the weekend focusing on specific topic areas and building their confidence in spontaneous spoken and written French. There will also be time set aside each day for feedback and informal language lessons. All the activities and tasks will be linked to preparing for their final French GCSE examinations. We will also be accompanied by our A Level students who will support students in speaking French whilst researching their A Level language projects.

During our trip we will stay in accommodation at the château and the students will sleep in rooms of 4 - 6 with staff located nearby. Activities will take place on site and we will have several excursions to local towns and monuments. Our group will have a dedicated native French speaker as an 'animateur' for the duration of our visit who will manage all our activities and encourage the students to speak and write in French at all times.

The total cost is estimated at £360 (based on at least 25 students taking part) which includes full board, accommodation, travel (coach/ferry) and all activities and excursions. The students should need no more than a few Euros a day spending money.

We are keen to support all pupil participation in school visits and do not wish for any child to be disadvantaged due to financial hardship. Should you have any concerns or queries regarding the voluntary payment for this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pyke, Business Manager, who will be happy to help you. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. As you will understand without the appropriate financial contributions the visit may not take place.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in the trip, please could you sign and return the slip below by **Friday 23rd September**. If the trip is over-subscribed a ballot will be held. I will send a letter to confirm your child's place and asking for a non-refundable deposit of £100 to be paid by **Friday 30th September** 2016, together with confirmation of the total cost and payment schedule.

Please also note that your child will need to hold a valid EU passport and an EHIC card in order to be able to participate in this trip to France.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Brandist
Acting Head of French
Languages Department

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REPLY SLIP: Year 10 Trip to Normandy, June 2017

Please return to Mrs K. Brandist, Languages Department by Friday 30th September

Name of student..... Tutor group

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Year 10 Trip to Normandy in June 2017. If they secure a place on the trip I agree to pay a non-refundable deposit of £100.

Signed Parent/Carer Date