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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 12 Trip to France 2017

Subject to final governors' approval we are planning on taking a group of Year 10 students to Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, France, on a 4 day trip from Thursday 22nd June to Sunday 25th June 2017. As part of this visit would also like to invite our Year 12 students to accompany us on our visit to France

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 cultural and historical aspects of France. The staff at the centre where we will stay only speak in French and it is a great opportunity for the students to develop their spontaneous speaking skills talking to native speakers. We will be travelling to Normandy and this provides a great opportunity to start work on our historical topic for A Level which is France under the Occupation. We will visit a number of places linked to the Liberation of France and find out about life under the German occupation in World War Two.

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. The centre provides a French speaking animateur for our group who will only speak to students in French! The animateur will work with the GCSE students allowing me to spend time with the A Level group.

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 12 Trip to Normandy 2017
Please return to Mrs K Brandist, Languages Department by 23rd September 2016

Student name Tutor group

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Year 12 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