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Dear Parents

As there is an increased expectation that students access authentic language experiences for the new GCSE, the MFL Department is offering an exciting trip to France for Year 9 & 10 students studying French. They will be able to relate their trip to the GCSE exam as we will be spending time speaking, writing, reading and listening to French from native speakers in a genuine setting.

We are delighted to be able to offer a trip to Chateau d'Ebblinghem near St Omer in Northern France.

The trip will be from **Friday 28th June to Saturday 29th June 2019**, with a provisional itinerary as follows:

- Friday** We will leave early (3.30am) to catch a Eurotunnel crossing to the continent. There will be a picnic on the beach at Le Touquet plus a visit to a French Ostrich Farm. We will then head to the Chateau for our evening meal, plus crepe making and snail tasting experiences. We will stay overnight in the Chateau.
- Saturday** After a full French style 'petit-dejeuner', we will have a 'food preparation language workshop' before heading to the Boulangerie for students to engage in 'making and baking' their own French creation. We aim to have lunch near Boulogne where there is further opportunity for language practice in the shops. We aim to return via Eurotunnel and arrive back at school around 9pm

The total cost of the trip is £215. This price will cover full board accommodation at the Chateau and the visits above, but there will inevitably be additional costs for meals, drinks and snacks en-route, as well as spending money. Students will also need their own passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which we will need to see before departure. I am seeking voluntary contributions from parents/carers to cover the cost of travel, accommodation, food and other activities. The trip will not be able to run if there are insufficient contributions paid.

The first **NON-RETURNABLE** deposit of **£70** will be required by **Friday 25th January**, with subsequent payments being due as follows:

Second Payment of £70

Monday 25th February 2019

Third Payment of £75

Monday 25th March 2019

Payments should be made via the ParentPay online facility. This will include your consent for your child to attend the trip. If you have yet to activate your account and have mislaid the password and user name details previously sent please contact Mrs C Taylor at ctaylor@devizes.wilts.sch.uk and she can email you the information that you need. If you will find it difficult to cover the cost of this trip please contact me on spuntis@devizes.wilts.sch.uk and I will discuss options with you.

As with any school trip, normal school rules apply. Students may be given free time to explore and will need to manage this as responsibly and safely as they do at school. The School also reserves the right to exclude a student from the trip if their behaviour or attendance is poor in school leading up to departure – this could result in a complete loss of monies as the trip will have been paid for.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - Please be aware that this may be a very popular trip and numbers are limited. We would dearly love to take every single student who applies but this is just not logistically and financially possible for the school. Places will be offered on a ballot system, but priority will be given to current Y10 GCSE students. There will be a reserve list for those who do not get a place initially. We will of course return deposits to any student who might not get a place.

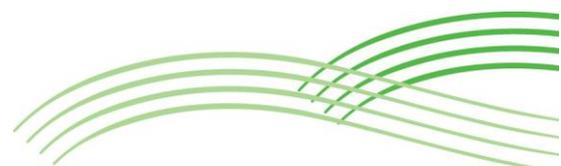
We look forward to your reply. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you would like to discuss the trip further.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Puntis
Vice Principal**

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St Omer Trip - 28th – 29th June 2019

To Mrs Puntis

Reply Slip: Name of Student _____ Tutor Group _____

I give permission for my son/daughter* to go on the above trip at a total cost of £215.00 and have paid the first deposit of £70 by ParentPay. I agree to pay the full amount by no later than **25th March 2019**.

My son/daughter is in receipt of Free School Meals.

Please tick

Signed _____ Date _____

**** Please delete as applicable***