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Dear Parents

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I am having to rearrange the proposed trip to France originally planned for June 2019. The reason for offering the trip is because there is an increased expectation that students access authentic language experiences for the new GCSE. As a result, the MFL Department is offering an exciting trip to France for current Year 8, 9 & 10 students studying French. They will be able to relate their trip to the work completed in Y9 as well as 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 re-offer a trip to Chateau d'Eblinghem near St Omer in Northern France with revised dates.

The trip will be from **Thursday 13th February to Saturday 15th February 2020**, with a provisional itinerary as follows:

Thursday We will leave early (5.00am) to catch a Eurotunnel crossing to the continent. There will be a visit to a local town for lunch. 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.

Friday A day visit to Paris to see the sights which will hopefully include a visit to the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysée and a boat trip on the Seine, followed by a visit to the national stadium, the Stade de France. We will have our evening meal and stay overnight at 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 maximum cost of the trip is £250. 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. **All students will need to travel on their own passports and should ensure they have at least 6 months left at the time of departure as we do not know what the post Brexit passport requirements may be. We are also unsure at this stage if an EHIC will still be required but will keep you informed once we know more.** 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 **Wednesday 13th March**, with subsequent payments being due as follows:

Second Payment of £60

Wednesday 1st May

Third Payment of £60

Wednesday 5th June

Fourth payment of £60

Wednesday 10th July

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