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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 7 & Year 8 students studying French and Year 9 students who have opted for it at GCSE. 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'Eblinghem near St Omer in Northern France.

The trip will be from **Thursday 25th March to Saturday 27th March 2021**, 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 £280. 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 **Thursday 12th March**, with subsequent payments being due as follows:

Second Payment of £70

Friday 1st May

Third Payment of £70

Friday 12th June

Fourth payment of £70

Wednesday 15th July

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 Turner at cturner@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.

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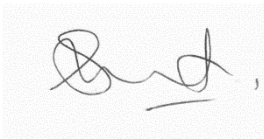


As with any school trip, normal school rules apply. Students may be given free time to explore and will need to manage this as responsibly and safely as they do at school. The School also reserves the right to exclude a student from the trip if their behaviour is poor in school leading up to departure or attendance is less than satisfactory – this could result in a complete loss of monies as the trip will have been paid for and will not be covered by insurance.

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 students currently studying French in Years 7 and 8 and those opting for the French GCSE in Y9 and A Level in Y11. 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 S Puntis
Vice Principal

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To Mrs Puntis via Finance Office

St Omer Trip - 25th – 27th March 2021

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 £280.00, and have paid the first deposit of £70 by ParentPay. I agree to pay the full amount by no later than 15/07/20.

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

Please tick

Signed _____ Date _____

