

27th June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL LANGUAGE TRIP TO NORMANDY, FRANCE

I am delighted to announce that we will be running a French language trip to Normandy. This trip is open to all students who are studying French in Years 8, 9, 10 and Sixth Form.

Students will be able to extend their French language skills through numerous cultural excursions and experience France for themselves. They will improve their listening skills by listening to a variety of spoken language to obtain information and respond appropriately. There will also be lots of opportunities to initiate and develop conversations, coping with unfamiliar language and unexpected responses, which will hugely boost their confidence.

We are going to stay at The Château du Baffy, which is set in its own grounds within a small hamlet called Colombiers-sur-Seulles, just 15 minutes from popular Bayeux and the D-Day Landing Beaches. Facilities include an outside games court and an inside sports hall, a cinema/games room and en-suite bedrooms. Meals are full board by in-house French chef Thierry and his food is absolutely delicious.



Activities include a day trip to Mont St Michel, learning how to make bread at a French bakery, visiting a goat's cheese farm, bowling, frog's legs and snail tasting, exploring Bayeux town and its market, visiting a cider farm and caramels factory, Mulberry Harbour, American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer and Omaha Beach.

We will be travelling by coach from Budmouth College to Normandy, leaving Budmouth on Monday 1st April 2019, and returning on Friday 5th April 2019, exact times will be confirmed.

The cost of the trip will include the following:

- Return coach trip to Normandy and transfers
- Return ferry crossing via Portsmouth - Caen
- Full board & accommodation for 4 nights
- Entrance fees to all the activities
- Insurance



Prices are as follows and will depend on the final number of students we get:

20 students £495.00 per student
30 students £460.00 per student
40 students £440.00 per student

We are hoping to get some students from Wey Valley as well. They loved their trip to Chateau du Baffy last year and it will enable us to keep the price down if we can fill the coach.



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Your son/daughter will need some money to purchase food for the travel legs of our journey and a small amount of spending money in euros to purchase any small mementoes they may wish to buy. Each student should have an EHIC card (European Health Insurance Card); this takes 5 minutes to complete online and is free: <https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do> and a valid passport which should be arranged and paid for privately.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip, please return the attached Parental Consent form together with a non-refundable deposit of £50 (cheques made payable to "Budmouth College" with the student's name on the back) by Friday, 20th July to Mrs Gibson in the Finance Office. Further payments will be expected as follows: £80 by 19th October 2018; final balance by 31st January 2019.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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