

1st October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Enrichment Week Y9 French Trip to Château d'Ebblinghem, St Omer – July 2020

I am pleased to announce that we are able to offer Y9 students the opportunity to go to Northern France from Monday 6th July until Friday 10th July during enrichment week. The trip is being run in conjunction with the travel company NST.

Students will be staying in Château d'Ebblinghem, St Omer in accommodation designed specifically for school groups. We will have sole use of their building, La Caserne. Students will stay in shared rooms with en suite facilities.

The trip has been designed to give the students a variety of experiences. In addition to practising French, undertaking some written work in French, the students will participate in a variety of educational and recreational trips with explanations in French. The planned itinerary will involve the activities listed below and there may be additional visits organised.

- A visit to a goat farm to learn about goat's cheese production
- A visit to a bakery
- A visit to a snail farm and snail tasting at the château
- A visit to Boulogne-sur-Mer
- Crepe making
- Visit to Bagatelle theme park
- A variety of activities at the château

Travel will be by ferry and executive coach crossing from Dover to Calais.

The cost of the trip is £540.00 based on 30 students participating and this includes accommodation, transport, insurance, all meals and all entrance fees. Students will need to bring spending money and a packed breakfast/lunch for the first day as well as some money to purchase a meal on the return journey. If more than 30 students choose to go on the trip then the cost will reduce and this reduction in the cost of the trip will be reflected in a reduction in the later instalments.

I hope that your child is keen to participate in the trip and for those who are, there will be a meeting in the summer term to discuss the programme and to answer any questions that you may have. I will include personal information forms and medical forms for you in the next letter.

Please note that this trip will replace the trip that the languages department previously ran for Y10 students. We will no longer be in a position to offer your child a trip when they are in Y10 as they are completing work experience when enrichment week runs.

If your son or daughter would like to participate in the trip I would be grateful if you would now return your tear-off slip and **deposit of £100.00** to the Finance Office (open daily at break only) as soon as possible and **by Friday 1st November**. Please pay the deposit by cheque as the trip requires a minimum number of students to run. The cheque will be returned to you if minimum numbers are not met. Cheques should be made payable to The Blue School with the student's name and tutor group on the back of the cheque.

Please pay the remaining instalments as follows:

2nd instalment of £100 by Friday 6th December

3rd instalment of £100 payable by Friday 7th February

4th instalment of £100 by Friday 6th March

Final balance of £140 (or lower once numbers are confirmed) by Friday 3rd April

These instalments can be made by SCOPAY (Tucasi Online Payments).

It is not too early to ensure that your child has a valid individual passport and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card – this can be ordered on line).

Please do not hesitate to contact me or ask your child to talk to me about anything else on which you require clarification in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sara Bradshaw
Team Leader for MFL

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Student Name..... **Tutor Group**.....

- I enclose deposit of **£100** (cheques payable to The Blue School)

As parent of the above pupil I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my daughter/son taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why s/he should not participate.

- The school has Activities Insurance for pupils for all trips and activities on and off the school site. Details of the key benefits are available from the Finance Office.
- Parents should consider taking out additional insurance cover for their child if they require benefits above those provided by the school.
- The Local Authority only provides cover at the School against proven or agreed negligence by the Authority and its employees.

Signature of Parent/Carer **Date**