

24th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

FRENCH LANGUAGE IMMERSION TRIP, NORMANDY, FRANCE

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

We will be travelling by coach from Budmouth College to Normandy, leaving Budmouth on Monday 9th March and returning on Friday 13th March 2020, exact times will be confirmed.

Our group will be staying at the Chateau de la Boudonnière, which is situated in the region of La Manche in Normandy. The Chateau nestles in its own grounds which incorporate an orchard and cider press, boule pitch, farmyard, a lake for fishing, a river, an assault course and climbing wall, archery range, woodland and meadows, volleyball court and stables.

The Chateau is all about French language immersion. Everything that is done at the Chateau involves using practical spoken French to convey meaning, and the students are encouraged to speak French to get what they want. A friendly, French environment supports this philosophy. A week at the Chateau will massively boost students' confidence to speak French, as well as give them a great time in a fun but educational environment.



There will be a balanced programme, including French lessons, activities, excursions and evening events. It will take account of the age and French ability of the students. Some of the activities include going to a local market, visiting Mont St Michel (only 30 minutes away), bread making, aeroball (game), orienteering and a farm visit. Each activity concentrates on a specific area of French language. Evenings include camp outs, quizzes and BBQ as well as the chateau's famous French talent show & French evening. Students also get additional help with their French during their journal writing in the evenings and at meals where we will eat in French style!

Uniquely, all the staff at the chateau are French speakers. This means that French is spoken everywhere and the students quickly get the feeling for French language in everyday situations and in turn expect to use it themselves.

The price of £455.00 per student includes the following:



- Return coach trip to Normandy and transfers
- Return ferry crossing via Poole or Portsmouth
- Three substantial and good quality French meals per day
- A full programme of excursions, activities, formal French tuition and evening events
- Accommodation for 4 nights
- Insurance



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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 Monday, 19th July to Mrs Gibson in the Finance Office. Further payments of £100 will be expected as follows: by 25th October 2019, 29th November 2019, 19th December 2019 and final balance of £105 by 24th January 2020.

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

Yours sincerely

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