

22 May 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

VISIT TO NORMANDY, FRANCE - MONDAY 29 JUNE – FRIDAY 3 JULY 2015
YEAR 8 FRENCH

I am writing to you with important information which you should keep in a safe place to refer to during the time leading up to departure.

Travel Itinerary

Departure: 0500 hours, Monday 29/06/15 by coach from Salisbury Coach Station, Millstream Approach – **meet at 0445**

Return: 1430 hours, Friday 03/07/15 at Salisbury Coach Station, Millstream Approach

We shall be travelling with Pegasus Coaches to Portsmouth to catch the Brittany Ferries ferry to Caen. The other teachers who are accompanying the pupils are Mrs Gosse, Mrs Kaur-Shahi and Mr Burrows.

All pupils need to ensure that their luggage is kept to a minimum; **PLEASE USE A SOFT TRAVEL BAG, NOT A HARD CASE** (see packing list attached). It is important that all pupils have a small "daybag" with them which contains the items that will be needed during the journey, as they will **not** have access to their main luggage until we arrive at the château.

My emergency contact number for the duration of the trip will be school mobile: 07437 331536. All routine contact should be via School Reception, 01722 333851.

The ferry journey

It is very important that all children bring sufficient quiet activities for the 6 hours' crossing, e.g. games, reading material. **They will also require a generous packed lunch for the boat.** Pupils will, of course, be able to stretch their legs by walking around the boat in small groups, but the majority of the time will be spent sitting down. No pupils will be allowed on the deck. Please ensure that your child has travel sickness pills if these are required and that he is aware of the time when these need to be taken. If your child does suffer from seasickness, it is particularly important that he remains seated for the journey.

When the boat arrives in Caen we shall travel onward to our destination by coach provided by the château.

We are staying at: Château de la Baudonnière
50320 Les Chambres
FRANCE
Phone: 0033 233 60 46 95 (emergency only)
Fax: 0033 233 60 50 23

We shall arrive at the château at approximately 1700, in time for dinner, after which students will have a tour of the property.

Activities

Pupils will be engaged in a range of activities during their stay; some will be inside the buildings and others will be in the extensive grounds of the château. Pupils will be working in groups with château staff who are, of course, fully trained. In the evenings before supper, pupils will write their French journal. After supper, there will be another activity before we retire.

Pocket money

Pupils will not require much spending money within the château. Twenty euros (the preference is for small change, if you have coins from previous holidays) will suffice. Pupils may also wish to take some extra money for the visit to the market and Mont St Michel. **No objects of great value should be taken to the château, e.g. expensive watches, as these may be lost or broken.**

Kit list

A soft case/holdall is essential for this trip. I attach a packing list; this is extremely important. I would appreciate it if you could help your child to pack sensibly. Some old clothes are essential – particularly as from the assault course activity alone, one set of old clothes and trainers may well be soaking wet and muddy! Please supply some plastic carrier bags for dirty clothes/shoes as these are useful to keep wet things separated from the rest of the clothes. **Pupils are not allowed to bring aerosol spray products.**

Medication

If your child is asthmatic, please ensure that I am provided with a spare inhaler. It is essential that your child also carries an inhaler at all times. If your child is taking any medication, please ensure that this is given to me - clearly labelled with the child's name and instructions - well in advance of our departure day, if possible. We do not want pupils to administer their own medication. Your child may keep travel sickness pills for the return journey in his luggage and we shall remind pupils to take these before we leave to come home.

Arrival home

We should arrive back in Salisbury at approximately 1430 hours on Friday 3 July. The coach will return to **Salisbury Coach Park, Millstream Approach**. Please arrange for your son to be collected from there.

Meeting for boys

There will not be a meeting for parents, but I shall be meeting with the boys at 1205 on Friday 22 May and again at 1205 on Friday 12 June in W4 when I shall be collecting in your son's passport and European Health Insurance Card to be kept in the school safe ready for our departure. **Please send in these two items in a named envelope with your son to the meeting on 12/06/15.** If he cannot bring them to the meeting, please ask your son to take the envelope directly to the Finance Office in No11 by 19 June, please. If your son has a non-European passport, please let me know immediately and provide me with a scan/copy of the passport details as I need to provide this information in advance.

In the meantime, should you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. There is also a useful section for Parents on the Château website <http://www.the-chateau.com/information-for-parents>.

Yours sincerely

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SUGGESTED KIT LIST
PACKED IN A SOFT HOLDALL (NOT A HARD SUITCASE)

Valid passport – with Miss Telford	Passeport valide
Valid European Health Insurance Card – with Miss Telford	EHIC
Personal medication	Médicaments personnels
Spending money	Argent de poche
Small ruck-sack for day-trips	Petit sac à dos pour les excursions
Pencil case and pencils	Trousse et crayons
French/English dictionary	Dictionnaire français/anglais
Games and books for the journey	Jeux et livres pour le trajet
Torch	Lampe
Travel sickness tablets, etc	de poche Cachets pour le mal du transport etc
Waterproof jacket or cagoule	Veste imperméable
tracksuit bottoms	bas de survêtement
sweatshirt/jumper	sweats ou pull overs
T-shirts	T-shirts
jeans/trousers	jeans/pantalons
shorts	shorts
socks and underwear	chaussettes et sous-vêtements
Pyjamas	Pyjamas
Old clothes for wet and muddy activities	Vieux vêtements pour les activités salissantes
Old trainers for wet and muddy activities	Vieilles baskets pour les activités salissantes
Fancy dress (French theme) and costumes for the talent show (optional)	Tenue fantaisiste (thème français) et déguisement pour la compétition de talent (facultatif)
Indoor shoes or slippers	Chaussures d'intérieur ou chaussons
Trainers or shoes	Baskets ou chaussures
Washbag: soap, shampoo, flannel, tooth paste, tooth brush, comb...	Trousse de toilette: savon, shampoing, gant de toilette, dentifrice, brosse à dents, peigne...
Personal toiletries	Affaires de toilette personnelles
One small and one large towel	Une petite et une grande serviette de toilette
Plastic bags for laundry	Sacs en plastique pour le linge sale