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29th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 7 visit to France, 15th March – 19th March 2027

We are organising a French trip for our current Year 7 pupils which will take place from Monday 15th March 2027 to Friday 19th March 2027.

The pupils will travel by coach from school, via the Euroshuttle, to the Gîte de Vendoeuvre in Saint-Leonard des Bois near Alençon, Normandie.

The programme for our stay will include language activities and visits to the surrounding area. Pupils will visit the market in Alençon as well as having the opportunity to immerse themselves in the French way of life and their language. This year, we will again have the opportunity to visit our French partner school in Mamers for a day, where pupils will join in lessons, participate in activities with their French penpals and have a school lunch. The trip will link into the Year 7 History curriculum through our visits to local sites such as the historic fortified town of Mont St Michel and the medieval castle of Fougères. A visit to a chocolate museum will also be organised. Pupils will also be able to enjoy a game of bowling during their stay.

The total cost of this visit will be £538.95 per pupil. This will include all travel, accommodation, meals, visits, activities and insurance provided by the Department for Education.

Each pupil must have their own passport with a minimum duration of 6 months left on it at the time of the trip.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place, then please send a deposit of £150.00 using ParentPay, by Friday 2nd October 2026 choosing the appropriate option: 'Year 7 French Trip'. Through selecting this option, you will also need to provide consent for the trip and acknowledgement that the school currently holds the correct emergency contact details and medical information for your child on My Child At School (MCAS). We will write to you to let you know whether your child does or does not have a place on the trip. If your child does not gain a place, we will refund your deposit in full. Should your child gain a place on this trip but at a later stage you decide that you no longer want them to go, the travel company involved will retain £100 of the initial deposit to cover administration charges.

For your information, the payment schedule for the outstanding balance of the trip will be as below:

£200.00 due on Monday 2nd November 2026

£95.00 due on Wednesday 2nd December 2026

£93.95 due on Friday 8th January 2027

Unfortunately, we can only offer 64 places on this trip. Numbers have to be limited to ensure the best possible price for families and for there to be adequate staffing numbers, both on the trip and within school. Although we would love to take all pupils who are interested in going on residential, like all schools we are not always in a position to do this. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, a fully randomised ballot will determine the final pupils list, with a reserve list also being drawn up. Pupils who apply to go (not all pupils in general) on this residential but who are unsuccessful will be prioritised for the Year 8 residential next year if it is able to be run.

As discussed in a recent assembly, pupils will not be permitted to bring mobile phones and other electronic devices that can connect to the internet. Communication in emergencies will be through school mobile phones which will be held with accompanying staff.

Kind regards

Mme Amzallag
French trip Leader.

Mr M Horton
Headteacher