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## Year 8 Residential Trips – March 2020

Dear Parent(s) or Carer(s),

The French and Humanities departments are delighted to inform you that we will be collaborating to offer our Year 8 students a choice of two residential trips in March 2020.

### FRENCH TRIP

We will be organising a short trip to the Opal Coast in France from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The cost per student for the trip to France, including travel, two nights' accommodation and most of the activities would be £210, based on 55 children attending.

Students would also need some spending money for souvenirs and optional extras, which I would estimate to be no more than an additional €30.

Activities for the visit would be finalised after booking, but for illustrative purposes, a possible itinerary for the two days might be:

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Coach departs from school at 5.30am and arrives in France just before lunch.  
Afternoon visits to Vimmy Ridge memorial and the 1916 Somme Museum in Albert.  
Check-in and evening meal at our accommodation.

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Check out and time for breakfast at our accommodation.  
Morning- tour of the Somme including Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Lochnagar Crater and Newfoundland Memorial Park.  
Time to eat packed lunches.  
Drive to Wierre-Effroy to visit Boulangerie le Fournil for a traditional bread making demonstration and tasting.  
Drive to Stella-Plage. Afternoon free to explore the local area and the beach.  
Check-in to accommodation for our second night in time for our evening meal.

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Check out and time for breakfast at the accommodation.  
Drive to Boulogne to visit Bec-a-Suc Sweet Factory for a sweet making demonstration and tasting.  
Free time to eat lunch and explore the town.  
After lunch group to see a crêpe-making demonstration.  
Finally, drive to Calais and arrive back at school by 10.30pm

### HUMANITIES TRIP

The cost per student for the trip to London, including travel, one night's accommodation, a specialist guide throughout and all of the activities should be a maximum of £175, based on 60 children attending.

Students would also need a packed lunch on Thursday and some spending money for lunch on Friday. They may also wish to purchase souvenirs and optional extras, which I would estimate to be no more than an additional £20.



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Activities for the visit would be finalised after booking, however the proposed itinerary for the two days might be:

#### **Thursday 5th March**

Coach departs from school at around 8:00am arriving in London at about 10:00am. Our first visit is to the beautiful Neasden temple - one of the most resplendent Hindu temples in the country.

In the afternoon we would visit Queen Elizabeth II park, with a focus on regeneration. This would be a great experience of Geography fieldwork that would provide a solid base for Year 9 and GCSE studies of the subject.

After an evening meal we would embark on a Victorian London walking tour with a special guide, focusing on Jack the Ripper and other famous aspects of London's past. We would then head off to our accommodation.

#### **Friday 6th March**

Check out and time for breakfast at our accommodation.

Morning- tour of the Museum of Steam and Power where we would have some free time to explore the magnificent and vast steam engines and machinery that has survived since industrial times and learn more about the water system and the real dangers of cholera. There would also be a 45 minute session led by a specialist at the museum.

We then head home, stopping en route at a small, enclosed retail outlet or services to buy lunch and hopefully an opportunity for retail therapy!

We anticipate returning home, provided traffic allows, in time to catch the buses at the end of the school day.

Although these are not compulsory trips, they will be a fantastic chance to build upon what is taught in the classroom environment, and will also serve as great opportunity for the children to connect with their peers.

If you would definitely like your son or daughter to take part in one of the trips, the first thing we need to do is see how much demand there is for each of them.

Please can you reply by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September to reserve a place on the trip of your choice.

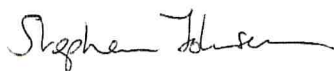
Places will be allocated by pulling names out of a hat.

As these trips take place largely during school hours, we will be asking for voluntary contributions towards the total cost, if not enough contributions are received we may have to cancel the trips. Please refer to our Charging and Remissions policy.

For the **French trip**, we will be requesting a deposit of £55 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, a further £65 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, and the final balance of £90 by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

For the Humanities trip, we will be requesting a deposit of £50 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, a further £50 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, and the final balance of £75 by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Yours faithfully,



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My child would like to attend the trip indicated below:-

**Trip 1 French / Trip 2 Humanities**

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....

**First Preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....

**Second Preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that, if my child is selected, I will need to meet the payment schedule described in the letter and, for the trip to France, a valid passport that has at least 6 months before the expiry date at the time of the trip, will be required.**

**You will also need health insurance.**

Signed: ..... (Parent / Carer)      Date: .....