29 March 2023

Dear Parents,

**Year 8 Curriculum Enrichment Day**

**Visit to Boulogne and St-Omer on Tue 20 June 2023**

As part of the French curriculum this year, our students are learning about French food and customs as well as places in town, how to ask for directions, etc. An essential part of the learning of Modern Foreign Languages is to put into practice and context what we learn in the classroom; it is therefore proposed to give Year 8 students the opportunity to take part in a day trip to the region of Boulogne and St-Omer this summer. Students will have the chance to explore French culture even further, by starting the day with the visit of a Boulangerie where they will have the chance to try some French viennoiseries (baked goods) followed by a Fromagerie where they will be showed the cheese-making process. We will also stop at a sweet factory and visit a local supermarket where they will be able to purchase some food and/or souvenirs. Lastly, the day will end with a town trail in St-Omer. Your daughter will be immersed in French for a day and will undoubtedly create some abiding memories.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday 20 June**. Your daughter will be required at school at approximately **04:30** ready to board their allocated coach and depart the school grounds promptly; we will then travel to Dover to take the ferry to Calais. Your daughter will need a valid passport to travel to France and a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). If she needs a visa to travel to France, please specify on the attached reply slip and plan to apply for her visa. There will be opportunities to buy food during the different visits, in which case your daughter will need to bring a small amount of euros (€). However, it is recommended that they take enough packed food and drink for the day (**breakfast, lunch and dinner**), should we not have much time in the supermarket. Students do not need to wear a uniform but should be appropriately dressed and wear comfortable shoes suitable for walking. We will return to MGSG by approximately **21:30**.

This is an essential curriculum trip, organised to enrich the students’ studies. Your contribution is voluntary; however, the trip can only take place with sufficient parental support. Cases of financial hardship will be dealt with sympathetically and in confidence; if financial help is required, please write to Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher or myself. If your daughter receives free school meals, or has done within the last 6 years payment is not necessary. The cost of the trip is **£92.00**; this includes transport, Fromagerie tour, visit to the Boulangerie with snack, and school insurance. Please complete the reply slip below and return it with your payment to the Finance Office, payment can also be made on-line. Please reply before **Friday 31 March** to secure a place for your daughter.

Yours faithfully,

**Mme M Lennon and Mme L Rey**

Head of French ; Teacher of French and Spanish

Enc. Reply slip

**Reply Slip: Please return to Finance by Friday the 31 of March** **2023** FAO:LRY

I agree to my daughter/son: ………………………………………………. in Form …………… attending the French trip to Boulogne and St-Omer on **20 June 2023**.

I enclose a payment of **£92.00** I have made an on-line payment .

My daughter currently receives free school meals (or has within the last 6 years) therefore no payment is required.

I understand my daughter/son must comply with the School’s Code of Conduct. In the event of my child requiring emergency treatment and the Headteacher (or her representative) being unable to contact me, I give consent for the accompanying member of staff to approve the application of any emergency treatment including anaesthetic advised by the medical authorities for the wellbeing of my child.

Emergency telephone number: ……..…………………………………………………………

Signed …………………………………………………………………Date ……………………

**Permission to attend**: *Please note if parents are no longer living in the same family home and/or are estranged we will require signatures from both parents. Please ask your daughter to request a second letter or pass this slip to the other parent whichever is more convenient, please tick box below to indicate if this is appropriate:*

Other parental/guardian signature (if appropriate): ………………………………..……………

or

Please send 2nd letter to: (Name & email or indicate below how we should act)

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**Essential Passport information, please complete.**

**Please attach a copy of your daughter’s passport with this reply slip. If you are in the process of renewing her passport, please send a copy when you receive it.**

Passport expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Expiry date must be in excess of 3 months from the date of travel)*

Does your daughter have a British passport? Yes / No

If not British, what passport do they have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do they need a visa to travel in Europe? Yes/ No (*If yes, it is parental responsibility to acquire a Visa for travel.)*

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