



St. Richard's Catholic College

A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College



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Dear Parent/Carer

Residential Trip to the Opal Coast, France 23rd – 25th June 2017

The MFL Department is delighted to offer our pupils a 3-day residential trip to the Opal Coast, Northern France. The proposed departure date would be **Friday, 23rd June 2017 leaving at 9.00am from St Richard's returning on Sunday, 25th June 2017 at approximately 9.00pm.**

The purpose of the trip is to provide our pupils with a cultural taste of France, as well as giving them the opportunity to take part in some transactional activities where they can put into practice the language learnt in school.

The cost of the trip will be **£220**. This will include transport (executive coach and Eurotunnel shuttle crossing to Calais), accommodation, all meals, insurance and entrance fees for the places of interest that we plan to visit. The exciting itinerary has been put together to maximise enjoyment of the cultural and historical aspects of the area whilst also providing a variety of opportunities to practise the French language in a real-life context. The planned activities include:

- Entry to La Coupole, the site of a World War II bunker which has been transformed into a History and Memory Centre with a brand new 3D planetarium
- Visit to Vimy Ridge, the site of a preserved battlefield area of trench warfare during World War One with a war memorial, tunnels and cemeteries.
- Visit to a Goat Farm and an escargotière
- A bread workshop at a traditional bakery
- Visit to a local market during which pupils will complete a work study
- A town trail around the historic town of Boulogne
- Tasting the local cuisine including lunch at a creperie in the old part of Boulogne.

Please note, your son/daughter will need his/her own current valid Passport and EHIC, which will need to be available by week commencing 5th June 2017.

This trip is being offered to those pupils who are studying French in Year 8 and 9. If we should be over-subscribed, we will try to arrange an equal distribution across each form and a waiting list is set up. (Deposits will, of course, be returned in this instance).

The trip can be paid for in one payment or in instalments between **13.1.17** and **1.3.17**. A receipt will be issued if requested and the payment dates are: **£85 by 1.2.17** and **£85 by 1.3.17**. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please return the slip below along with **£50 deposit**, to the Finance Office by **Friday, 13th January**. (This deposit is non-refundable unless we are able to fill the position vacated by any cancellation on your part).

We will write again with further details to those pupils attending. In the meantime if you require any further information about the planned visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Chong (Trip Organiser)



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Please return this slip and your deposit to the Finance Office by Friday, 13th January 2017

Pupil's Name: Form:

I give my son/daughter permission to attend the above residential trip to France. I enclose a deposit of £50 (please make cheques payable to St Richard's Catholic College) and understand this may not be refundable should we cancel and the position cannot be re-allocated.

If you would like to make online payments please email finance@strichardsgc.com to obtain login details.

I will pay the balance either **(please tick)**:

- in full/one payment of £220 (by Friday, 13th January).
- in instalments - £85 by 1.2.17 and £85 by 1.3.17

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date: