



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 Normandy, France - 8th February – 11th February 2018

The MFL Department is delighted to offer our pupils a 4-day residential trip to Normandy, Northern France. The proposed departure date would be **Thursday, 8th February 2018 leaving from St Richard's returning on Sunday, 11th February 2018 at approximately 8pm.**

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 **£325**. This will include transport (executive coach and ferry or Eurotunnel crossing to Calais), accommodation, all meals, insurance and entrance fees for the places 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:

- Visit to **Honfleur**, a picturesque seaside town and port, where pupils will complete a work study.
- A morning visit to a **local French school**.
- A workshop at a local **cheese producer**.
- Visit to **Bayeux** where pupils will complete a work study at a local market followed by visits to the famous **Bayeux Tapestry** and the **Cathedral**.
- **Visit to Arromanches**, site of **Mulberry Harbour** and **Gold Beach** where D-Day landings took place. This will be followed by a short film at the **360 Cinema**.
- Visit to **Pegasus Bridge** to learn about the heroic gliders of World War Two.
- **Track Sledding**, tobogganing in the heart of the **Souleuvre valley**.
- **Shopping** opportunities in the local boutiques during our trips to Honfleur and Arromanches
- **Themed evening meals** at our accommodation including a typical Norman meal, 'make your own pizza' evening in French and a snail eating competition!

Please note, your son/daughter will need his/her own current valid Passport and EHC, which will need to be available by the week commencing 1st January 2018.

This trip is being offered in the first instance to those pupils who are studying French in Year 8. 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 **10.11.17** and **12.1.18**. A receipt will be issued if requested and the payment dates are: **£122 by 15.12.17** and **£122.50 by 12.1.18**. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please return the slip below along with **£80 deposit**, to the Finance Office by **Friday, 10th November** (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 and there will be a pre-trip meeting for parents and carers in January. In the meantime if you require any further information about the planned visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. My email address is: misschongc@strichardscc.com .

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Chong (Trip Organiser)



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Please return this slip and your deposit to the Finance Office by Friday, 10th November

Pupil's Name: Form:

I give my son/daughter permission to participate in the above residential trip to France. I enclose a deposit of **£80** (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@strichardscs.com** to obtain login details.

I will pay the balance **either**:

***IN FULL/ONE PAYMENT £325** (by Friday, 10th November)

£122 by 15.12.17 and £122.50 by 12.1.18.

{*Please delete method **not** required}

Please tick the appropriate boxes below regarding passport and EHIC details:

- My son/daughter has a valid UK passport with an expiry date of ____ / ____ / ____.
- My son/daughter has a valid _____ passport.
(please state origin if a non-UK passport).
- I need to apply for a passport or renew an existing passport for my son/daughter **before the end of November** to ensure that he/she can participate in this trip.
- My son/daughter has a valid European Health Insurance card (EHIC) with an expiry date of ____ / ____ / ____ .
- I need to apply for or renew a European Health Insurance card for my son/daughter **before the end of November** at www.ehic.org.uk .

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date: