



Hulme Hall Grammar School

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February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

French Trip 2019

I am currently proposing to organise a 7 day trip to Normandy in September 2019. This educational trip is designed for **present** Year 10 (only for those taking GCSE French), Year 7 and Year 8 pupils who study French and Year 9 pupils who are aiming to study GCSE French.

The trip would take place from Sunday 15th September 2019 until Saturday 21st September 2019 inclusive. We would stay in the Château de la Baudonnière, a French language immersion school centre.

The Château is situated in the region of La Manche in Normandy, 90 minutes south of Cherbourg. Its grounds incorporate an orchard and cider press, boule pitch, farmyard, a lake and river, woodland and meadows. The accommodation is arranged in several small dormitories and the children eat good quality French meals in the centre's own dining room.

Our pupils will engage in a range of outdoor and indoor activities at the centre. For example, there will be opportunities to take part in a treasure hunt, an orienteering session, climbing, archery, bread making and canoeing. The staff who work at the Château are all experienced and fully trained. There will also be French classroom activities, games and quizzes in the evenings. We also hope to visit sites of interest such as the Bayeux Tapestry, a local market and hypermarket.

The Château is all about French language immersion. Everything that is done there involves using practical spoken French to convey meaning and the children are encouraged to speak French as much as possible. A friendly, French environment supports this philosophy. This, of course, provides an excellent opportunity for your child to practise hearing and speaking French for several days.

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Travel to the Château will be by coach from school and across the channel by Ferry before travelling by coach to the Château in Normandy. Your child will require his/her own passport and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) which is available free on-line. As rules for travel to most countries in Europe may soon change, the government states that British citizens travelling to the EU after 29 March 2019 will need:

- At least 6 months left on their passport when travelling to most EU countries.
- A passport that is less than 10 years old.

Travellers are still recommended to take their EHIC card but be prepared to use the medical protection provided by their travel insurance.

The cost for this trip will be approximately £560.00 and this includes all travel, accommodation, insurance, meals at the centre and all equipment and teaching materials. The price does not include meals en route. Apart from this cost, however, pupils would require some spending money for their own purchases. There are a limited number of places available. A waiting list will be created once the trip is full.

I believe that this trip provides an excellent opportunity for your son/daughter to practise his/her French in a supportive atmosphere and to add relevance to the study of a modern foreign language.

For more information please visit www.the-chateau.com.

If you wish your child to take part in this trip, please complete the slip below and return to me as soon as possible, but **no later than Wednesday 27th February 2019** together with a cheque for £75.00 (made payable to '*Hulme Hall School Fund*') in a sealed envelope with your child's name and form on the front.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K J Browne
Head of Modern Foreign Languages



Reply Slip

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Please return by Wednesday 27th February 2019

My child is in Year 7 / Year 8 and is studying French

My child is studying (Year 10) / will be studying (Year 9) GCSE French

I am interested in my child participating in the proposed trip to Normandy

I enclose a cheque for £75 deposit (cheques payable to '*Hulme Hall School Fund*')

Parent/Carer of _____

Form _____

Signed _____

Date _____