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Dear Parent/Carer

Normandy History Trip – Thursday 7 March to Sunday 10 March 2024

We are organising a 4-day trip to France to visit key points of interest, in Normandy, from Thursday 7 March to Sunday 10 March 2024. The trip is a valuable opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge and experience of key historical events and apply classroom learning to real life settings. This tour supports our programme of study and specification covering:

- 'War and British Society'-GCSE course
- 'Causes and Events of the Second World War'-A Level course.
- 'Warfare Through Time'-GCSE course
- 'Anglo-Saxon and Norman England'- KS3 and GCSE course.

In addition, students will have an opportunity to speak French whilst visiting Normandy.

Moreover, we are focusing on educating characters of our students, hence the visit has a wide appeal to students across a range of ages and is open to Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, in this academic year.

The main highlights include:

- Visit to Bayeux
- Visit to the Arromanches 360 Cinema
- Visit to the Arromanches Invasion Museum
- Visit to the Caen Peace Museum
- Visit to the Memorial Pegasus Museum
- Visit to the Bayeux Tapestry Museum.

Dates: Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 March 2024

Accommodation: Students will stay at *Grandchamps Aigues Marines, Normandy, France, 14450 on Quai Crampon*
Students will be accommodated in shared rooms.

Meal Plan: Full Board Accommodation

Travel & Transport: Coach and Ferry Crossing

Cost: £550 this is an estimated cost based on 44 pupils and could vary depending on uptake, this does not include spending money.



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In addition, parents will be responsible for dropping off and collecting students from school. The cost of this visit is competitive in comparison to other organisations offering similar trips to Normandy.

Non-EU citizens will have to make their own arrangements if they need a Visa. Please, inform Mr Hryniewicz once your visa is obtained so we can confirm your place on this trip. Should you require further information regarding a Visa please do not hesitate to contact him.

This trip will be subject to ABTA and ATOL insurance (your payment will be protected by the ATOL scheme and students can get home should the travel company collapse during the visit). I shall provide full details of the insurance cover such that you will be in a position to decide whether further insurance, at your cost, would be required.

In addition, numbers are fixed at 44 students, **places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as we have a limited number of places and will close earlier if all the places have been taken.** In the event of insufficient uptake, for the trip, I will consult with parents as we have been advised that for between 30 and 40 students the cost would be relatively higher. Should this prove unacceptable the trip will not proceed and your deposit will be returned.

The trip is being booked through NST Group, a leading educational travel company, for schools, founded in 1967. NST has worked alongside thousands of teachers to create unique school trip experiences and memories that last a lifetime. They will work closely with us during the whole tour planning process, and during the trip itself, to ensure that your child will get the very best learning and cultural experience whilst away.

A parents meeting will be held, for all participants in January 2024, where full information on the itinerary will be provided.

What do I need to do next?

If you would like your child to participate in this visit, please pay the deposit of **£130 deposit** to secure their place on the trip by **Monday 20 November 2023 via ParentPay.**

The deposit is used to confirm the bookings of transport and venues, and is **non-returnable** to us, **hence, we are unable to return to you should you cancel.**

The balance can be paid in full or by instalments. The payment plan is in place to ensure the trip is affordable to you.



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Payment Plan:

Total: £550

- Deposit (**Monday 20 November 2023**) £130 (**Non-refundable**)
- 8 January 2024 £210
- 5 February 2024 £210

Full payment due by Friday 5 February 2024.

Pupil Premium Funding:

There is some financial support available for students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If you believe that your child qualifies for this and you would like support with the cost of this trip up to the value of **£100**, please email myself by **Monday 20 November 2023** to reserve a place for your child on the trip in this circumstance. **This money will be deducted from your child's PP Allowance.**

Unfortunately, after this date we will not be able to consider any further requests.

Information about Pupil Premium can be found on our website: [Pupil Premium - Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School](#)

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss this trip with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at School via my email m.hryniewicz@hughfaringdon.org

Yours faithfully

Mr Hryniewicz
Subject Leader for History.