



18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

The French department is pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to the Opal Coast area of France, from **Tuesday 4th July – Friday 7th July 2023**.

Details of the Visit

The purpose of this trip is for students to practise their French language skills and develop their cultural awareness.

Throughout the visit, the students will have daily interactions with French speakers, which will enhance classroom-based learning by giving them the opportunity to practise their conversational French, listening skills, increase confidence in their language ability and enjoy an unforgettable taste of French culture.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1

07.00 Depart from school
10.20 Arrive Dover/Folkestone
12.20 Ferry/Eurotunnel crossing
15.00 Arrive Calais, drive to Wierre-Effroy
Visit to a French traditional bakery *Boulangerie Le Fournil*
Drive to accommodation and check in. Evening meal at hotel.

Day 2

Breakfast and collect packed lunches
After breakfast drive to *Le Touquet* and have time to explore and shop
Then visit a French chocolate factory *Chocolats de Beussent*
After lunch, drive to *Bagatelle* theme park
Return to accommodation for evening meal. Time spent at the beach after dinner.

Day 3

Breakfast and collect packed lunches
After breakfast, drive to Bruges
Morning to be spent exploring Bruges, time to shop and have lunch
In the afternoon, students to enjoy a canal boat trip
Return to accommodation and have dinner. Time spent at the beach after dinner.

Day 4

Have breakfast and check out. Collect packed lunches.
After breakfast, drive to Boulogne and spend time exploring Boulogne's Old town
Drive to Calais, stopping at a shopping centre en route for some final shopping!
15.20 Arrive Calais
17.20 Ferry/Eurotunnel crossing
18.00 Arrive Dover/Folkestone
20.15 Arrive back at school (approximately)

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What does it cost?

The cost per student is **£480** which can be paid in instalments prior to the trip. The instalments will be as follows: £50 by the 23RD November 2022, £235 by 6th January 2023 and £195 by 31st March 2023.

The cost includes:

- All coach travel and return ferry crossing
- Accommodation for 3 nights full board (students in en-suite multi-bedded rooms)
- Entrance to: Bruges Canal boat trip, Bagatelle Theme Park, a traditional bakery and Chocolats de Beussent

Items not included in the tour price:

- Travel visas and passports
- Breakfast/lunch on first day of travel
- Cost of COVID testing that may be required to fulfil the trip

What do I need to do next?

If you would like your child to go on the trip, **payment of the initial deposit of £50 should be made by Wednesday 23RD November 2022.** Payment should be made via WisePay, if you require a copy of your WisePay login details, please email a request to finance@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

Please note that once deposits have been paid to the Tour Company they are non-refundable and terms and conditions will apply. In addition, due to the responsibility that we are undertaking, we do not feel that we should take any students who may misbehave or act in an irresponsible or inappropriate manner. In relation to this, we want to make it clear that any student who is subject to serious disciplinary action between now and July 2023 will forfeit their place on the visit. We hope that we do not have to take such action.

We would also point out that all students will need to comply with the UK and French Covid requirements at time of travel.

There are 39 spaces for this trip. Only those students for whom we have received parent/carer permission and initial deposit by 23rd November 2022 will be considered for a place. If student numbers exceed the number of spaces available, then a ballot will be held.

If you have any particular questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in the trip, please do not hesitate to email me at lparr@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully



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