



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Cultural Visit to the Opal Coast, France 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

We are planning a cultural visit to the Opal Coast, in Northern France for our current, year 9 and 10 GCSE French students. The purpose of this visit is to give our students an opportunity to experience French language and culture first hand, and to bring alive the language which they study in the classroom whilst out and about in an authentic environment.

The visit will take place over 4 days and 3 nights, departing Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and returning Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. We will be travelling by coach from the Academy to Dover, where we will board the ferry to Calais. We will be staying at Artes Centre L'Escale in Dunkirk on a full board basis.

**We estimate the cost of this visit to be between £365 and £385.** I will write again to inform you of the final amount once our booking is confirmed with the travel company.

This price includes full board accommodation, return travel by coach and ferry, entrance fees and travel costs during the visit, and insurance. In addition to GCSE language based activities every day, the visit will include excursions to Nausicaä Sea Life Centre, Bagatelle Theme Park, Bec a Suc sweet factory, Escargot du Bocage and Boulangerie le Fournil.

Students studying French in years 9 and 10, with a proven track record of good behaviour, are invited to apply for a place on this visit.

Students will need their **own** full passport, valid for at least six months from the date of travel. A European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) may also be required.

**To be considered for a place on this study visit, we require all of the following by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019:**

1. *A deposit payment of £95 made through SCOPAY*
2. *A photocopy of your child's passport (this should be posted in the Trips mailbox at PSU)*
3. *A parental consent form completed electronically using the link below*

<https://forms.gle/z5MzfG2F4rETKKnR8>

There are 40 places available and should the visit be oversubscribed, we will select names randomly after the closing date. If a place for your child is confirmed, you will be notified in writing. If we are unable to confirm a place for your child, we will refund your deposit and write to you to offer them a place on the reserve list.

Deposits will not be accepted after the deadline, and payments for this visit will be non-refundable once places are confirmed and travel/ accommodation are booked.

The schedule for payments is:

Deposit - £95 due by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> instalment - £95 due by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Final balance – TBC due by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

We reserve the right to exclude from the trip, at any point, any student whose behaviour gives us cause for concern.

There will be a parents' meeting where more specific information will be given in a booklet, as well as you having the opportunity to ask any questions.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours faithfully

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