

9 March 2018

RB/JB

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 and Year 8 Visit to Côte d'Opale, France 2018

I am very pleased to inform you that I have secured a provisional booking with European Study Tours (EST) at the Village Vacances at Stella Maris for 2 nights from Friday 6 – Sunday 8 July 2018. This visit is subject to governor approval but approval for previous visits has always been given. Breakfast and an evening meal will be served at the centre with a packed lunch being provided for midday. All dietary needs can be accommodated. Travel will be by executive air-conditioned coach via the ferry (outward) and Eurotunnel (inward). We will travel on a Group Passport, which is included in the cost, as is insurance. Students will need a small amount of pocket money; we estimate that 30 – 40 euros should be sufficient. I have provisionally booked 40 places and the cost of this visit, based on 45 students, is £310 per student.

The Côte d'Opale is an area that offers visitors many opportunities to explore several aspects of French culture and history. We will leave very early on the morning of Friday 6 July and look to return mid-evening on Sunday 8 July. Our proposed itinerary includes the Becasuc sweet factory, the traditional Saturday morning market at Le Touquet, a visit of Old Boulogne, The Agincourt Medieval Museum and the La Coupole Memorial Museum (WW2 Rocket Factory) and Planetarium Cinema Experience where visitors can learn about the German rocket programme and its significance in the development of space exploration. There may also be the opportunity to take in a Hypermarket but this will depend on time being available. There will also be a full programme of evening activities to ensure there is no time to be bored or homesick: sand castle contest, 5-a-side football, *boules*, charades, parlour games and quizzes have all featured in the past.

We would wish to reassure parents that we have reviewed the itinerary in the light of current advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. During outdoor visits students will remain with their designated teacher with a ratio of 1:8. We believe that the assessed risks are, on balance, no greater than they would be on a residential visit in the UK and the current FCO advice supports this view.

Early applications are most likely to be successful. In the event of over-subscription priority will be given to students who will not have the opportunity to go next year and we will also hold a reserve list. However, the school reserves the right to withdraw a place from any student whose behaviour record suggests that he might present an unacceptable risk to the safety and enjoyment of other members of the party.

Under the terms of current educational legislation, the cost of this visit can only be raised through voluntary contributions and if there are insufficient voluntary contributions the visit will not be able to go ahead. Applications should be returned no later than **Wednesday 14 March** but **DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENT AT THIS STAGE**. Once your place has been confirmed the visit will appear on your ParentPay account and you will need to pay a **£75 deposit by Friday 23 March**. Interim payments can be made if so desired but the final balance of **£235 will be due by Friday 27 April**. Once paid to EST, deposits are non-refundable; however, in the event that we are unable to offer applicants a place, deposits would be returned. If deposits are not paid within the above timeframe we reserve the right to offer the place to a student on the reserve list. If meeting these payment dates is a problem please contact me to discuss if alternative arrangements are possible.

Last year's visit proved to be a resounding success and we look forward to offering your son this opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this visit.

Yours faithfully



Rosemary Brooks
Party Leader

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CONSENT FORM

(Please return in envelope to the school office marked for the attention of Mrs Brooks)

Name: Form:

I / We give my/our consent for my/our son named above to participate in this visit as outlined in the attached letter.

(Both parents with parental responsibility should give their signed consent for foreign visits. Please note that where parents are separated both parents with parental responsibility are still required to give their consent to participation in foreign visits unless the main carer has been designated by a Residency Order. If there are any concerns or queries in this regard please contact Mrs R Brooks, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead).

I understand that the cost of this visit has to be met through a voluntary contribution of **£310** and I agree to make this contribution.

I understand that I will be required to pay a **£75 deposit via ParentPay** by Friday 23 March**
PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT with this consent form.

Email address you wish us to use to confirm your son has been offered a place:

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I am aware that the final balance of **£235** will be due by **Friday 27 April**.

***ParentPay allows parents/carers to pay with a debit or credit card and thus spread the cost of the visit at your convenience. You can also readily see any balance remaining to be paid.*

Signed: Main Carer: YES / NO / JOINT

Print Name: Relationship to student:

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(School Use Only) Referred to Mrs R Brooks: YES / NO

Outcome:

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PLEASE also complete the Student Pre-Visit Information Form on the reverse of this consent form. This information is required by EST on their booking form but it also enables us to ensure specific needs are properly accommodated.

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Student Pre-Visit Information Form

Name of Student:		Form:	
Dietary Requirements:	<p><i>Please note that the provision for dietary needs may not always involve solutions British children may be used to. Only genuine dietary needs can be catered for. The centre is unable to cater for students who have a limited diet through choice rather than need. If your son is not an "adventurous" eater you may wish to send him with some back-up supplies.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Please ✓ as applies</i></p>		
	Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegan
	Coeliac	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pescatarian
	Nut Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Allergy **
	Other Needs**	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	**Please give details:		
Travel Sickness / Difficulties	No History	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. Medication to be provided
	Other medical condition affecting travel**	<input type="checkbox"/>	
** Please give details:			
Information Provided by:	Print Name: Signature:		
Relationship to Student:			