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Dear Parent/Carer

Normandy Trip – Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September 2023

I am writing to inform you about an exciting trip to France we are planning for next September. In the Languages department at Midhurst Rother College we are keen to provide opportunities for students to use their skills in real situations abroad. After four fantastic trips with this educational travel company we have chosen “Normandy Experience” (part of the Voyager group) once again. Please visit the company’s web site to see photos and information at www.the-chateau.com/normandy-experience.

The planned itinerary all takes place in the beautiful region of Normandy, which allows us to use the Portsmouth to Caen ferry route, cutting down on coach travel time from Midhurst to our chosen destination. Our packed itinerary includes visits to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Mont St Michel and the Bayeux tapestry, learning about the D-Day landings in Normandy, as well as a visit to town on market day and to a small rural goat farm where the students will learn about goat husbandry, milk and cheese production. As well as sightseeing, there will be a choice of activities, such as bread-making, orienteering, archery, or crafts. Doing activities through a new language provides a very natural way of acquiring new vocabulary, which is also fun! Having used this company with other school groups before I know the trip offers great value for money, builds students’ confidence to speak French and teaches them a lot about life in rural France

This trip is packed with varied and fun activities. Students will need 2 pairs of comfortable shoes such as trainers. The weather in September in Normandy is similar to the South of England, so students should pack comfortable clothing such as tee-shirts and shorts, but also 2 jumpers, 2 pairs of trousers, jeans or joggers and a rain coat.

We will be leaving on Monday morning and will travel to Portsmouth by coach, from where we will then cross to France on a Ferry. We will travel back to Portsmouth on an afternoon crossing arriving back at College on Friday evening. A letter with more details will be sent to participant students closer to our trip

We will stay in a rural accommodation centre perfectly suited to school groups where students will share rooms with 4 to 6 beds. We will go on visits in the local area accompanied by college staff and French-speaking group leaders or “animateurs”.

The trip is arranged from Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September 2023. The total cost of the trip, including generous meals, all entrances and activities is expected to be £515 per student.

We ask parents to pay for the trip in four instalments. After paying the initial, non-returnable deposit of £100, a payment schedule will be sent to you requesting further instalments each month from March to July 2023. Parents may pay the whole cost of the trip at once, if preferred.

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At MRC we are generously supported by the GHEF (Gilbert Hannam Education Fund), so where families find themselves in difficult financial circumstances, they are encouraged to email Mrs Lunskey (fiona.lunskey@mrc-academy.org) to enquire about a travel grant towards this trip.

Please pay for the deposit for our trip via the online payment system using the following link: <https://www.scopay.com/midhurst?redirect=true>. If you require support with the online process please contact Hannah Clayton or Nicola Robson in our finance department at Finance@mrc-academy.org. If you do not have access to the internet please make cheques payable to 'Midhurst Rother College'.

Do not hesitate to contact me via email at Cecile.Charpentier@mrc-academy.org, should you have other questions. If you are interested in your son/daughter participating in this trip, please complete the reply slip below and return to student reception by Wednesday 15 March.

Yours sincerely



Miss C. Charpentier
Head of MFL

Reply slip

Trip title: **Normandy Trip** Trip Leader: Miss C. Charpentier
Date of trip/residential: **Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September 2023**

Name of Student: Tutor Group:

Would/would not* like a place on this visit. (**please delete as appropriate*)

Name of parent/carer: Contact Tel:

Signed: Date:

Please return this slip to Student Reception by **Wednesday 15 March**. Thank you.

If the trip is oversubscribed you will be contacted by the trip leader to confirm whether your child has secured a place.