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7th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 7 visit to France, 18th – 22nd March 2024

We are organising a French trip for our current Year 7 pupils from Monday 18th March 2024 to Friday 22nd March 2024. **Please be aware that 22nd March is a school TED Day and the start of the Easter holidays. It is highly likely that pupils will be back at BHA at approximately 9.00pm.**

Unfortunately, there are only 55 places available because of travel and staff restrictions. If we are oversubscribed, we will select pupils by drawing names "out of a hat".

The pupils will travel by coach from school, via the Euroshuttle, to the Gîte de Vendoeuvre in Saint-Leonard des Bois near Alençon, Normandie.

The programme for our stay will include language activities and visits to the surrounding area. Pupils will go shopping at the market in Alençon as well as having the opportunity to immerse themselves in the French way of life and their language. This year, we will again have the opportunity to visit our French partner school in Mamers for a day, where pupils will join in lessons, participate in activities with their French penpals and have a school lunch. We will visit les Chèvres de la Saffrie, where pupils will learn how goats' cheese is made and have the opportunity to try some. The trip will link into the Year 7 History curriculum through our visits to local medieval sites such as the historic fortified town of Mont St Michel and the medieval castle of Fougères. Pupils will also be able to enjoy a game of bowling during the stay.

The total cost of this visit will be £487.26 per pupil. This will include all travel, accommodation, meals, visits, activities and insurance provided by the Department of Education.

Each pupil must have their own passport with a minimum duration of 6 months left on it at the time of the trip.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place, then please send a deposit of £163.26 using ParentPay, by Friday 17th November 2023 choosing the appropriate option: 'Year 7 French Trip Deposit'. Through selecting this option, you will also need to provide consent for the trip and acknowledgement that the school currently holds the correct emergency contact details and medical information for your child on My Child At School (MCAS). We will write to you to let you know whether your child has a place on the trip or not. If your child does not get a place, we will refund your deposit in full. Should your child get a place on this trip but at a later stage you decide that you no longer want them to go, the travel company involved will retain £50 of the initial deposit to cover administration charges.

For your information, the payment schedule for the outstanding balance of the trip will be as below:

£162.00 due on Monday 8th January 2024

£162.00 due on Friday 2nd February 2024

As discussed in a recent assembly, pupils will not be permitted to bring mobile phones and other electronic devices that can connect to the internet.

Kind regards

Mme Amzallag
French trip Leader.

Miss D West
Headteacher