

Our Ref: CJM/DMB

12 September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Chateau Falaise Trip for Year 8 students
Monday 26th June 2023 – Saturday 1st July 2023

Following the continued success of the Challenge Week visits to France, I am at present planning for the next visit of Year 8 students to the Chateau Falaise. Any member of the present Year 8 may apply for a place on this trip, but as we are limited in the number of students that we can take, I would like parents to submit an application but **not send in any deposit** at present.

The party will be accommodated at Château Falaise which is ideally situated in the traditional Normandy resort of Lion-sur-mer between Bayeux and Caen, 1 minute from the seaside resort and on the Normandy Landing beaches. All comfortable bedrooms have en-suite facilities as well as a great team and chefs that will accommodate us. For our students it is hoped that they will gain considerable advantage in their Food Studies as well as supporting their French Studies whilst experiencing a taste of French culture and food. We will go on excursions around the area including Bayeaux, Isigny sur mer, and Arromanches and students will have food tasting sessions using local food.

Accommodation is on a full board basis with the trip fee including:

- Bakery visit and baguette making
- Goats cheese farm visit (including milking the goats if wished)
- Cider/apple juice factory (Chateau Breuil)
- Caramel factory visit
- Oyster farm visit
- Snail farm visit
- Frogs and snail tasting at Chateau
- Cheese quiz tasting at Chateau

Students will enjoy this trip if they:

- Enjoy working together and making new friends
- Are willing to try new and different foods
- Enjoy sharing accommodation
- Enjoy working as a team
- Enjoy learning about France, its cuisine, language, culture and people.

The Chateau provides three good quality set meals a day and will take into account dietary requirements but as such there is no choice of menu. Typically, breakfast consists of bread, butter and jam, cereals, juice and hot chocolate.

We would advise that students do not to take valuables out on school activities, however, should they be taken parents should ensure personal possessions are adequately insured.

As we are limited in the number of students that we can take, I would like parents to submit an application but not send in any deposit at present. Please return the register of interest slip below to the Finance Office by Thursday 15 September. If the activity is oversubscribed, a transparent draw will take place. Notification as to whether your child has a place will be communicated by Friday 16 September by email. The remainder will be put on a reserve list in the order they are drawn from the ballot.

The cost of the trip, excluding pocket money is £599.25. A deposit of £127.25 will be due no later than 3rd October to secure the place. Payments must be received by the instalment dates to avoid jeopardising your child's place on the trip

£118 by 5th December 2022

£118 by 6th February 2023

£118 by 1st March 2023

£118 by 3rd April 2023

Covered in the cost of the trip are full board and accommodation in France, excluding meals on the ferry. Coach and ferry travel, excursions, entrance fees and insurance are also covered in the cost. In the event of the trip being cancelled due covid preventing travel to France then we will receive a full 100% refund. Should your child withdraw from the activity please be aware that deposits are non-refundable, and any further payments can only be refunded if the place can be filled by another student on a waiting list, or is the withdrawal is for an insurable reason.

Payment in full is required 12 weeks before travel.

Please be aware that each child will need his or her own passport and a Great Britain Health card in order to travel and, therefore, I advise you to apply as soon as possible.

Those families who qualify for pupil premium funding under the free school meal criteria or have been in receipt of free school meals in the last six years, may be eligible to receive a subsidy up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the trip.

Free school meals criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

No student will be omitted from the activity if his/her parents are unable to contribute. However, I must make it equally clear that in accordance with the Governors' statement this

activity may not take place if parents are reluctant to support it with their contributions full or in part.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Mousdale
Activity Leader

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

Chateau Falaise YEAR 8 STUDENTS, 26th June – 1st July 2023

Student Name: Form:

I would like to submit an application for my child to participate in the visit to Chateau Falaise, 26th June – 1st July 2023.

He/she is in good health and I consent to him/her taking part in the programme detailed in your letter. Should my child secure a place on this trip, I will ensure deposits and payments are made according to the payment schedule as outlined in the trip letter.

I wish to apply for Pupil Premium

I will make future payments on line

Parent/Carer Name.:Signature:

Date: Mobile:

Email address: