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Dear Parent/Guardian

Normandy French Trip - Tuesday 16 July to Friday 19 July 2024 Year 9 and Year 10 (studying GCSE French)

The Modern Languages and History Departments at BGN School are excited to announce our 2024 trip to Normandy. We believe that school visits offer students a valuable learning experience by helping to promote their spiritual, moral and cultural development in line with the aims of the National Curriculum. Trips to a foreign country can stimulate an interest in language, reduce prejudice, increase co-operation and tolerance, and broaden cultural horizons. If your child is considering opting or has opted to study French to GCSE, the experience should be of benefit to him/her in their quest for a good grade in their exam.

This four-day trip will be organised by Halsbury Travel Group, who specialise in educational school tours. **The cost will be £486, which will include travel, three nights' full board accommodation, entrance fees and insurance.**

We will be staying in UNCMT Bernieres-sur-Mer, which is an excellent school group centre located just 400 metres from Juno beach. It was one of the five beaches of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landings on 6 June 1944, during the Second World War. More information can be found at the website: <https://www.halsbury.com/school-trips/france/normandy/school-french-culture-trip-to-normandy>. We will visit Mont Saint Michel and its Abbey, Bayeux Cathedral and its Tapestry, Arromanches Landing Museum and 360 Cinema, and La Ferme de Billy Normandy Cider Farm.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this residential visit, we would ask you to make an initial, non-refundable¹ deposit of £57 on ParentPay to enable the school to secure the booking.

The due dates for subsequent payments are set by the Tour Operator and must be adhered to. Places are limited to 40 pupils and will be given on a first come, first served basis. If the trip is full and you would like to be added to our waiting list, please email: BGNTrips@bgn.oxon.sch.uk

¹ *The Tour Operator, travel company or booking agencies' regulations require us to collect deposits for visits. Therefore, they are non-refundable in most cases. If a pupil decides not to participate, the cancellation charges of the Tour Operator or booking agency will apply. The school will attempt to fill cancelled places and obtain refunds, but this is not guaranteed. If the cancellation is due to illness or accident and supported by a Doctor's Certificate, the normal insurance regulations will apply.*

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Please make payments on or before the dates detailed below:-

- £57 **ParentPay will open on Friday 15 September 2023 at 3:30 pm**
- £205 Monday 9 October 2023
- £112 Monday 6 November 2023
- £112 Monday 8 January 2024

Please note that all students must have a passport which is validated for six months after the date of departure and a GHIC Health Insurance Card. We will need to see all passports or receive a photocopy by Monday 19 February 2024 and you will have to hand in all original passports and GHIC cards by Monday 15 April 2024 at the latest.

We do hope that your child will be able to make the most of this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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