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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 - St Omer, France – 1 & 2 June 2024

I am pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the following overseas trip in conjunction with NST.

The cost of this trip per student is £310.00. We will be travelling by coach and ferry which is included in the price along with:

Return travel from school via executive coach

- Ferry crossing to France
- Visit to St Omer, a traditional French bakery and snail farm
- Full board accommodation at Chateau d'Ebblinghem
- Group insurance

The only additional costs will be spending money and a meal on the return journey. Students will require a packed breakfast/lunch for the outward journey.

Students must also be in possession of their own passport and GHIC card. If you currently have a valid old EHIC card, this can continue to be used until it expires. Please note that there is currently a delay on new applications for GHIC cards, so early application is advised. More information can be found on the NHS website. The trip will be led by myself in conjunction with NST, a company that Wildern School has worked with for many years undertaking many successful trips abroad. Three other teachers will also accompany the trip. Please ensure that your child has a valid passport for travel. For more information check the government website [HERE](#).

There are significant benefits to be had from a visit abroad. It affords the opportunity for the students to succeed in a new challenge, enjoying the benefits of increased self-confidence and the forming of new relationships both within their peer group and the wider range of people they will meet on the trip. It also offers a different cultural experience and the opportunity to develop a new awareness and sense of achievement that complements their French learning journey, or indeed any other language.

Places are limited on this trip to 80. Due to the trip visiting France, priority will be given to students who study French. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

We hope that all students who wish to participate will be able to do so, however, any students who are not allocated places will receive a refund of their deposit and their name will be put on a waiting list, and could be given the opportunity to travel should any places become available at a later date.



Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £77.50 due immediately.

Three further payments will be as follows:

£77.50 due 31 December 2023

£77.50 due 31 January 2024

£77.50 due 29 February 2024

If they are successful in gaining a place on the visit, the deposit and any other monies that we have paid out for your child are non-refundable.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Russell
Director of Learning - MFL