Parmiter's School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 French Language and Cultural Trip to Normandy - Tuesday 29 June to Friday 2 July 2027
Expression of Interest

The French Department would like to offer Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to visit the historic and beautiful region of Normandy in France from **Tuesday 29 June to Friday 2 July 2027**. An assembly was held this morning and students have been given full details about this trip.

The aim of this visit is to motivate students in their language learning by giving them the opportunity to use the French they learn this year, as well as to find out more about French culture. We will be offering cultural activities such as visits to local attractions, as well as tasks to improve their linguistic skills. Students will be accompanied on all these activities by teachers from Parmiter's School.

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£520**, depending on numbers, and will cover all travel, three nights' half board in youth hostel accommodation and entry to all day and evening activities. These are likely to include Mont St Michel, the town of Arromanches and its D Day landing museum and a local market, amongst others. When visiting the market, students will be given €5 each to spend. We will also be visiting a French school, where students will have the opportunity to meet French students of a similar age.

Many students return from residential visits with increased self-confidence, stronger social skills and a greater willingness to embrace new challenges both in and out of the classroom.

If your child would be interested in taking part in this trip, please complete the Expression of Interest Form by **no later than Tuesday 10 November 2026**. **Places are limited and completing the Expression of Interest form does not guarantee your child a place.** ***Unlike previous years, places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis.***

If the number of students wishing to attend exceeds the number of places available, a reserve list will be held. We regret that, should a place not be offered to your child, no discussion will be entered into as to why that decision has been made. ***Please note - if your child remains on the reserve list and misses out on a place on this trip, they will be prioritised for a place on the next MFL residential trips to Valencia or Rhineland in Year 9. However, should they be offered a place on this trip and turn it down, the priority rule will no longer apply.***

If your child is allocated a place on the trip, a **non-refundable deposit of £150** will need to be paid by **no later than Friday 20 November** to secure your child's place. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the place being withdrawn and offered to the next student on the list. A payment schedule will then be provided for those students who are offered a place on the trip.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration. We hope that this will be a successful and enjoyable trip, therefore, in the lead-up to the trip, all places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's Behaviour Policy during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations, then you will be asked to make arrangements to collect your child from Normandy at your own expense and participation in future residential trips will be at risk.

We strongly encourage all Year 7 students to consider taking part in this fantastic opportunity. The combination of culture, history and access to the French language makes this a truly memorable experience that students will benefit from for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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