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January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Trip to Normandy (Year 8) – Friday 17 to Monday 20 October 2025

The Languages department is delighted to offer your child/ward the exciting opportunity to join a Year 8 trip to France, based in the historic and beautiful region of Normandy. There are strictly 36 places available.

After leaving school at 23:30 on Thursday 16 October, we travel by executive coach to Dover ferry terminal for the crossing to France, arriving at our first visit to the beautiful harbour town of Boulogne-sur-mer in time for lunch. From there, we will travel to our accommodation to relax and settle in for the evening.

Our stay is based in the Château du Baffy, an 18th century Château, exclusively used at this time of year by schools visiting the region. We would leave the region to travel back again on the ferry in the morning of Monday 20 October and we expect to arrive back at West Kirby Grammar School that night, at around midnight.

Planned excursions include: a trip to Bayeux to visit the market and cathedral; a call at Arromanches to see the Mulberry Harbour in the bay of the 1944 British landing beaches and to visit the excellent 360 museum; lunch at the beautiful abbey and island of Mont-St-Michel and a visit to the beautiful fishing town of Honfleur and the new 'La Mora' exhibition about William the Conqueror. Also included is a visit to a hypermarket for shopping and souvenir buying. As well as these daytime excursions, we aim to provide the students with chances to enjoy themselves while soaking up some French culture and language in the evenings. We also hope to spend an evening bowling!

The cost of the trip inclusive of executive coach travel throughout, travel insurance, return ferry crossings, three nights half board at our chosen accommodation, picnic lunches, all excursions and admissions is **£410**. Students will need a **valid passport with at least three months validity left after the return date home and a valid EHIC/GHIC**. Applying for a place on the trip confirms willingness to apply for any travel permissions, such as visas, required.

Applications for places are now invited by paying the initial deposit of £50 online via Scopay **by Friday 7 February**. Please note that on paying the initial deposit, Scopay will give an automated 'Place allocated' message but a place is not allocated until further email confirmation from me. Should demand exceed the number of places available, we will draw names out of a hat to select participants and any deposit money paid will be returned.



Further payments will be due as follows, but payments can be made in instalments throughout the time, if necessary:

£100 – 7 March 2025

£100 – 4 April 2025

£100 – 9 May 2025

Final payment £60 – 30 June 2025

In addition, students may want to bring pocket money to buy souvenirs or gifts: we suggest 50 euros. All students will need to bring enough money to buy meals on the ferry and enough pocket money to buy lunch on one day. This should be around £30 -£40 and will need to be accessible on electronic payment, either on a card or phone.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to practise their French and get a flavour of French life and we look forward to enjoying this trip with the students.

Yours sincerely,

R Cooper

Mrs R Cooper
Head of Languages

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for students. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.