

5 June 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to give you final details of our History/Modern Languages visit to Normandy departing on 14th June. Thank you, too for getting the final payments to me.

We will be leaving school on Wednesday 19 June at 4.30 am, travelling by coach to Portsmouth where we will catch the ferry to France.

Students will at all times know where to find a member of staff but will be allowed to go off in groups of three or more to explore the boat. If you do not wish your child to be able to do this and to remain with a member of staff at all times, please let me know. I attach the rest of the itinerary separately so that you can follow what your child will be doing throughout the visit. On Friday 21st June we will arrive back in school at midnight so please come into the school grounds to wait for our return by coach, please be mindful of the neighbours and wait as quietly as possible.

Breakfasts and packed lunches are provided by the centre for Thursday 20th June and Friday 21st June, **but you will need to provide your child with a packed breakfast/lunch for Wednesday 19th June and some money for a meal on the boat on Friday 21st June.**

As regards clothing, please make sure students wear comfortable shoes and take a waterproof coat, I suggest wearing trousers but taking shorts in case it gets very hot. Also, you will need to pack wash bags and a change of top and underwear for 2 days and a towel. Please provide travel sickness pills if students are poor travellers, and make sure they have sun cream with them. I suggest they take two bags with them; a small one to put in the hold of the coach with their overnight things and changes of clothes and a ruck-sack or day bag which they can use each day to take their picnic. Please make sure they have a refillable water bottle.

There are 4 staff accompanying the visit, which is 1 to 12 students, above county recommendations.

All members of the party have County insurance, but you are at liberty to take out further insurance of your own if you wish. Most students have been included on the group passport.

Regarding money, you should change into euros and spending money your child wishes to take before he/she leaves and the amount you change is quite up to you, but as all museums entrances, etc are included in the trip fee, only a small amount will be needed for souvenirs of food supplies. I would suggest no more than £30 in euros.

Some English currency will also be useful for the boat. We must remind you that it is illegal for students to purchase or try to bring into this country, **cigarettes, alcohol, fireworks, knives or other dangerous articles or substances.**

Checklist

To Take: Money (French + English) Packed breakfast and lunch, sensible shoes, waterproof coat, pen, notepad. Travel pills. Wash bag and nightwear, towel, changes of tops and underclothes! To charge up mobile phones: European adaptor

Time: Leave from school **promptly** on Wednesday 19th June 4.30 am
Arrive back to school Friday 21st June at approximately midnight.

Staff: Mr R Maple, Mr T Pavili, Ms M Sheppard and Mrs S Milne,

Emergency Contact No: M K Howard

School: 01458 832943

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If you have any further queries, please contact me at school.

I am looking forward to the visit and I am sure the children will have a wonderful time!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Maple', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Maple
Head of History