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11th September 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Saint Omer 2024

Year 9 French Language Trip to the Château d'Ebblinghem, Saint Omer, France: 18th – 21st March 2024

I am writing to the Parents/Guardians of all students who are currently studying French in Years 8 & 9 to invite your child to participate in our annual trip to France in March 2024. This visit has been very successful in previous years and it offers a variety of activities that will help students learn more about the French way of life and enable them to put their language skills into practise in everyday situations.

We are planning a four days visit to the Château d'Ebblinghem near Saint Omer in Northern France from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st March 2024. This will involve three nights stay at the Château with day excursions and evening activities organised. Students will be accommodated in their own block within secure, private grounds of Le Château. The planned activities include exploring Le Touquet,(with a town trail) a tour of a chocolaterie and boulangerie, visiting Nausicaa Sea Life centre, a tour of the caves In Naours and a visit to the city of Amiens.

The expected cost of the trip is **£482** (providing all places are taken) including all transport via executive coach and standard ferry, full board accommodation, entrance fees and full insurance. There are **44 places** available and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The trip is now open and active on Tucasi Schools Cash Office for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to go on this trip, you must give your consent by ticking the consent box on the TSCO payment page. Click on the name of the trip highlighted in green, enter the payment amount, tick the Permission Slip box, add to basket and proceed to payment A voluntary, non-refundable deposit of **£119.00** will be required by the **22nd of September 2023** to confirm your child's place and further instalments as per the following payment schedule as follows:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	£119	From now until 22 nd September
1st Instalment	£121	By end October
2nd Instalment	£121	By end November
Final Instalment	£121	By 21 st December

Total £482

Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any student that is eligible for free school meals **may** also be eligible for financial assistance with this trip and should contact Ana Lopes, Parent Support Advisor, on alopes@sponne.org.uk or on ext 7237 at the school for further information.

All payments should be made via Schools Cash Office. If you require any assistance, please contact the School trips@sponne.org.uk or 01327 350284.

This letter is now on the School Website, School Life, Parents, Letters Home, Year 9.

Yours faithfully,

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