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Dear Parents(s)/ Guardian(s)

Ref: Year 8, La Grande Découverte, France - June/July 2012

As part of the Year 8 curriculum, Imberhorne organises an annual three-day visit to northern France. The cross-curricular trip provides invaluable opportunities for out-of-classroom learning experiences and discovery, delivering curriculum opportunities in Geography, History, Science, Technology, Learning for Life and Languages. The normal school timetable will stop during this period as we anticipate most Year 8 students will take part in La Grande Découverte 2012.

There will be a parents' meeting in early June at Windmill Lane to discuss all aspects of the trip but we can now confirm the date that each group will be travelling.

The trips will take place between **June and July 2012**, with the forms being split into three groups. The dates are as follows:

Trip 1	25 th June – 27 th June	8X, 8W, 8Y, 8Z
Trip 2	27 th June – 29 th June	8Q, 8R, 8S
Trip 3	2 nd July – 4 th July	8T, 8U, 8V

The cost of the trip is **£177.00**, this has been subsidised by the school to keep the expense for parents as low as possible; we feel confident that this represents excellent value for money. The price includes coach travel in both the UK and France, the Eurotunnel crossing, entrance fees, accommodation for 2 nights and all food. Students will need no extra money during the visit, unless they wish to buy a souvenir. Our aim is for all the Year 8 to benefit from this educational experience.

During the trip students will follow an enrichment programme, widening their knowledge of French culture whilst enjoying a mini-adventure. This is designed to develop their social skills and help them discover hidden strengths, through various team-building activities and French language exercises. The three day itinerary includes:

- **Exploring** Boulogne's historic old town
- **Learning** how traditional sweets are made at the Becasuc factory
- **Making** croissants and baguettes at a traditional French boulangerie complete with wood burning ovens
- **Reflecting** on our history at the British and Commonwealth World War 1 Cemetery at Étaples
- **Participating** in team building activities on one of the local sandy beaches
- **Discovering** sea life at the excellent Nausicaa aquarium, where they will also attend a workshop focussed on a current environmental issue
- **Celebrating** new-found friendships at the themed fancy dress disco!

Accommodation this year will be at the highly recommended Cap d'Opale centre in nearby Ambletuse. This charming centre provides recreational facilities and a safe environment for students. Groups are accommodated in chalets and allocated their own private area. Security includes night guard, perimeter wall, locked buildings, rooms and windows. Images of the accommodation are available on the school website.





require their own valid full passport, therefore, if your son/daughter requires a passport we recommend you apply as soon as possible. In addition to this, your son/daughter will need an EHC (European Health Insurance Card) submitted for health purposes, which has now replaced the old E111. You will need to bring your child's passport and EHC card to the parents meeting.

All payments are non-refundable, so the standard insurance procedure will apply. You can either choose to pay the amount in full or in three instalments; a deposit of **£50** to be received by **30th November 2011**, along with two post-dated cheques for the amount of **£63.50** dated **2nd February 2012** and a final payment of **£63.50** dated **2nd April 2012**. Instalments can be paid on the separate deadlines or before the deadlines, however, we must respectfully ask, that all payments are made by these deadlines to allow us to pay for transport and accommodation etc.

Under current legislation I am obliged to point out that the costs associated with the trip must be requested as a voluntary contribution but, I must also inform you, that unless all parents who are able are willing to contribute, the trip may not take place. Limited financial assistance is available in certain cases. Please contact me in confidence if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made.

Photographs of students on this trip may be used for display and publicity. If you do not wish photos to be used, please contact me.

*Please note that for this academic year the governors are requesting an additional 'donation' of **£1.00** within the cost of any school trips towards the school's Sports Hall fund. This sum is therefore already included in the total cost of the trip; if you do not wish to make the donation please reduce your payment by **£1.00**. If you wish to 'gift aid' the payment please sign on the reply slip to confirm this.*

If you would like your son/daughter to attend this trip, please complete and return the consent slip below, together with a cheque/s, made payable to Imberhorne School by **30th November 2011**. Please remember to write your son's/daughter's name, year group and the trip title on the reverse of your cheque **and on the envelope**. Please address your envelope to Mrs S Cook, KS3 Admin Manager at Windmill Lane.

Please also ensure your son/daughter has any medication that they may need, clearly labelled, and that this is given to a member of staff prior to the trip commencing.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Mansell & Miss C Planella
Trip Coordinators

c.c. Mrs S Cook

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Please return this slip and the enclosed **Medical Questionnaire/ Parent's Consent Form** along with your payment/s.

I give permission for my son/daughter Name _____ Form _____
to visit **La Grande Découverte, France**.

Please tick chosen payment method.

- I enclose a deposit of £50
- I enclose the full sum of £177
- I enclose a deposit of £50 and two post-dated cheques for £63.50 each
- My son/daughter **will not** be taking part in La Grande Découverte 2012

Please make cheques payable to Imberhorne School.

I understand that, while the school staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the students, unless they are negligent they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son/daughter arising out of the visit. I have also ensured that my son/daughter has any medication that they may need, clearly labelled so it can be given to a member of staff prior to the trip commencing.

Please provide two contact numbers that can be used in case of an emergency:

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Signed (parent/guardian) **Date**

Imberhorne Sports Hall fund

I would like my **£1.00** donation to Imberhorne School to be gift aided.

I confirm I am a registered tax payer to the UK

Signed Date

Post code