



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents(s)/ Carer(s)

Re: Year 8, La Grande Découverte, France - July 2019

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, Personal Development 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 2019.

The trips will take place in July 2019, with the forms being split into three groups. The dates are as follows:

Trip 1	Monday	1st July –	Wednesday 3rd July 2019
Trip 2	Monday	1st July –	Wednesday 3rd July 2019
Trip 3		Wednesday 3rd July –	Friday 5th July 2019

There will be a parents' meeting in early June to discuss all aspects of the trip. At this meeting, we will confirm which form groups will be travelling on each trip.

The cost of the trip is **£240.00** and 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 as many of the Year 8's as possible 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
- Making croissants and baguettes at a traditional French boulangerie
- Observing the life of a bee and how honey is made at the Musée de l'Abeille
- Reflecting on our history at the British and Commonwealth World War 1 Cemetery at Étapes
- Participating in team building activities.
- Discovering sea life at the excellent Nausicaa aquarium
- Celebrating new-found friendships
- A visit to a snail farm
- Accommodation this year will be at the highly recommended Le Moulin aux Draps in Desvres and Le Parc d'Olhain in Maisnil les Ruitz. These charming centres provide recreational facilities and a safe environment for students.

All students who go will require their own valid full passport (**which should still be valid for six months** after the trip). 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 EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) submitted for health purposes. You will need to bring your child's passport and EHIC card to the parents' meeting on Wednesday 5th June 2019.

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All payments are non-refundable, so the standard insurance procedure will apply. You can either choose to pay the amount in full or by instalments. A deposit of **£50.00** is to be received by **Friday 26th October 2018**, followed by **5 monthly payments of £38.00** due by the **31st January 2019, 28th February 2019, 29th March 2019, 26th April 2019, and 31st May 2019**. However, we must respectfully ask, that all payments are made by these deadlines to allow us to pay for transport and accommodation etc. We only accept payments for school trips via ParentPay.

We require parental consent in order to take students off-site on trips or to attend events. Parental consent is considered to have been given once the trip or event is paid for on ParentPay. Please ensure you have completed the required acceptance on ParentPay.

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.

Under current legislation, I am obliged to point out that the contribution is voluntary but I must 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 Mrs Botting, Bursar on jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk in confidence as soon as possible if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made or if you have any queries or difficulties regarding the on-line payment system.

Yours faithfully

C Cook

Mrs C Cook
Trip Co-ordinator