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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Dear Parents(s)/ Carer(s)

Re: Year 8, La Grande Découverte, France - June/ July 2017

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, PHSCE 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 2017.

The trips will take place in June/July 2017, with the forms being split into three groups. The dates are as follows:

Trip 1	26th June – 28th June
Trip 2	3rd July – 5th July
Trip 3	5th July – 7th July

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 **£230.00** 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 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 Étaples
- Participating in team building activities on one of the local sandy beaches
- Discovering sea life at the excellent Nausicaa aquarium
- Celebrating new-found friendships
- A visit to a Snail farm



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Accommodation this year will be at the highly recommended Le Moulin aux Draps in Desvres and le Sable D'Or Centres in Le Touquet. 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 in June.

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 **£60.00** is to be received by **Monday 31st October**, followed by **5 monthly payments of £30.00** due by the **28th of November 2016, January 2017, February 2017, March 2017 and April 2017**, with one final payment of **£20.00** due on the **28th May 2017**. However, we must respectfully ask, that all payments are made by these deadlines to allow us to pay for transport and accommodation etc.

Please note that we only accept payments for school trips via Parent Pay. If this creates difficulties for you please contact our Bursar, Mrs Botting, directly, either by email at jbottling@imberhorne.co.uk or by telephone via the main school switchboard.

Under current legislation I am obliged to point out that the costs associated with this trip must be requested as a voluntary contribution 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 Mr Conroy, Deputy Headteacher, in confidence if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made.

I must make you aware that unless both the attached reply slip and deposit are not received by **Monday 31st October 2016**, we may not be able to secure a place on this trip for your son/daughter and they may instead be allocated a reserve place.

Yours faithfully

C Cook

Mrs C Cook
Trip Coordinator



Please return slip to the red box outside Mrs S Cook's office by Monday 31st October 2016

Re: Year 8, La Grande Découverte trips, France - June/July 2017

I give permission for my son/daughter: Name:Form: to attend trip to La Grande Découverte in France.

☐ I have paid the deposit amount of **£60.00** via the Imberhorne Parent Pay system and will pay the balance by 5 instalments of **£30.00** and one final payment of **£20.00**.

or

☐ I have paid the full amount of **£230.00** via the Imberhorne Parent Pay system.

☐ I understand that unless both the reply slip and deposit are received by **Monday 31st October 2016**, a place on this trip may not be available and my son/daughter may instead be allocated a reserve place.

☐ I confirm that my son/daughter has a current **EU** passport. My son/daughter holds a **non EU** passport. (Please delete as applicable)

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 will also ensure 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.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date: