

French Trip to Chateau Beaumont – 6th-10th July 2015

15th September 2014

Dear Parent

In the second half of the summer term 2015, we plan to take Year 7 & Year 8 pupils on a visit to France. The purpose of the visit is to extend the pupils' education beyond that which we can achieve within the classroom. Hopefully they will make discoveries and enjoy experiences which are educational as well as fun, at the same time as developing their social skills.

The centre that we will be staying in is "Château Beaumont" an education and language centre, situated near Laval in the Département of Mayenne, to the south of Normandy. The chateau is set in 10 acres of private grounds. The facilities on site include: classroom, entertainment hall, basketball court and swimming pool. Some of the activities that the pupils will be involved in during the day will be: fencing, archery, zip-wire and swimming. They will also have the opportunity to take part in evening activities such as a talent show, treasure hunt, fancy dress and disco.

The visit includes excursions to places of educational value such as the Mont St Michel, the walled city of St Malo and a local street market.

A voluntary contribution of **£425.00** is required to fund the visit. This includes full board (all meals), excursions, insurance, all transport, a group passport and also all the equipment and instructors for activities. If insufficient funds are available, the visit will be unable to take place.

An initial deposit of **£60.00** as part of the voluntary contribution is requested by Friday 26th September 2014. We apologise for the short amount of time given to pay this deposit, but the money is required to confirm the provisional booking which has already been made. The application for individual places on the visit will be strictly in order of receipt and if necessary, we will hold a reserve list. Should the visit be over-subscribed at application, priority will be given to Year 7 pupils. The balance of **£365.00** can be paid in 6 further instalments as follows, or on a weekly basis, if preferred.

£61.00 by Friday 24th October 2014

£61.00 by Friday 28th November 2014

£61.00 by Friday 30th January 2015

£61.00 by Friday 27th February 2015

£61.00 by Friday 27th March 2015

Final payment of: **£60.00** by Friday 24th April 2015

Should you wish to pay later instalments via the e-payment system, please do not do so until your child has been guaranteed a place.

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Parents should be fully aware that the final acceptance of a pupil onto this trip is at the discretion of the school and that the behaviour of any pupil during the school year may be taken into account when reaching a decision. If you wish your child to be considered for a place on the visit, please complete and return the attached reply slip, with the **£60.00** deposit, **by Friday 26th September**. Please make cheques payable to “The Test Valley School”. More details will be sent out next term but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs C Dover
French Teacher and Residential Trip Coordinator

Miss R Williams
Head of MFL Department

REPLY SLIP

**French Experience – Château Beaumont
Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July 2015**

Please return to Mrs Homer in Pupil Services

I would like my child Tutor Group

to be considered for a place on the school visit to France Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July 2015 as described in the letter dated 15th September 2014.

I enclose **£60.00** as part of the voluntary contribution. **I am aware that this is non-refundable once a place has been confirmed for my child. I also understand that if I wish to withdraw my child from the visit, a refund will not be given until my child’s place is taken up by another pupil, or if a doctor’s letter validates that my child is unable to take part in the trip for medical reasons.**

Signed Parent

Address

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Post code

Tel no:

I will be paying later instalments via the e-payment method

I will be paying later instalments by cash/cheque

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