

## French Trip to Chateau du Baffy – 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parent

### TVS French Experience – Château du Baffy Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

In the second half of the summer term 2016 we plan to take Year 7 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 du Baffy", an education and language centre situated in the Département of Calvados in Normandy. This is between Caen and Bayeux and only 4 miles from the seaside resort of Courseulles-sur-Mer. The beautiful chateau is set in two acres of parkland. The facilities on site include: classroom, entertainment hall, 5-a-side football pitch and pétanque. Pupils will also have the opportunity to take part in evening activities such as quiz night, sports night, treasure hunt, fancy dress and disco.

The visit includes excursions to places of educational value such as the D-Day Museum in Arranches, the Bayeux Tapestry, Cerza Zoo, local towns and street markets.

A voluntary contribution of **£434.00** 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 **£62.00** as part of the voluntary contribution is requested by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015. 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.

The balance of **£372.00** can be paid in 6 further instalments as follows, or on a weekly basis, if preferred.

<b>£62.00</b> by Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2015	<b>£62.00</b> by Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
<b>£62.00</b> by Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	<b>£62.00</b> by Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
<b>£62.00</b> by Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Final payment of: <b>£62.00</b> by Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016

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 **£62.00** deposit **by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Modern Languages

## Reply Slip

**French Experience – Château du Baffy  
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 as described in the letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

I enclose **£62.00** as the first instalment of the voluntary contribution. **I understand this and subsequent payments are non-refundable once a place has been confirmed for my child. If you wish to withdraw your child from the visit, a refund will not be given until your child's place is taken up by another pupil, or we receive a doctor's letter stating that your child is unable to take part in the trip.**

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

My child is registered for Pupil Premium and I would like to apply for a contribution towards the cost of this trip.

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