

## French Trip to Château Beaumont

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

September 2016

Dear Parent

In the second half of the summer term 2017 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 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: wall climbing, 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 **£435.00** 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 **£63.00** as part of the voluntary contribution is requested by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016. 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 **£372.00** can be paid in six further instalments as follows, or on a weekly basis if preferred.

**£62.00** by Monday 31st October 2016  
**£62.00** by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
**£62.00** by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**£62.00** by Monday 27th February 2017  
**£62.00** by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Final payment of: **£62.00** by Friday 28th April 2017

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 **£63.00** deposit, **by Monday 26<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.

For your information, details of other activities available on Activity Week will be made available shortly, possibly including a residential trip to Ferny Croft, as well as day activities such as a Creative Workshop, Bushcraft, Fishing, Horse Riding, the Water and Land trip and sporting activities both at school and at other outside providers.

Mrs C Dover  
French Teacher and Residential Trip Coordinator

Miss R Williams  
Head of MFL Department

## Reply Slip

### French Experience — Château Beaumont

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July — Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Please return to Mrs Guyatt in Pupil Services

I would like my son/daughter ..... T/G .....

to be considered for a place on the school visit to France Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July 2017 as described in the letter dated 16th September 2016.

I have enclosed:

- £63 as part of the voluntary contribution (cheques made payable to 'Test Valley School')
- I wish to pay later instalments via the e-payment method
- I wish to pay 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. *(Please still return the deposit with this reply slip)*

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**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.**

If your child's medical details or your contact data have changed since you signed the annual medical form, please can you provide the relevant details below:

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Signed (parent) ..... Date .....

Please print name .....