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December 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

MFL Day Trip to France – Friday 7th March 2025

We would like to invite your child on a day trip to France with the Modern Foreign Languages department on Friday 7th March 2025. The trip is aimed at students in year 9 who are considering taking Spanish or French for GCSE and those in year 10 studying GCSE French or Spanish. Students will travel to France by coach on Le Shuttle from Folkestone to Calais where we will drive to Boulogne-sur-Mer to visit Nausicaa, the biggest aquarium in Europe, followed by a trip to Carrefour, Calais to do some shopping. The day will run as follows:

8am: students arrive at school and report to the DRAG to be registered, put into groups and advised of the behaviour expectations of the day
8.20-9.10am: travel to Le Shuttle Terminal at Folkestone
10.16-11.51am*: travel from Folkestone to Calais on Le Shuttle
12.30*-4pm*: visit Nausicaa in Boulogne-sur-Mer
4.30*-5.40pm*: students have the chance to do some shopping at Carrefour, Cite Europe, Calais
7.16*-6.51pm: travel from Calais to Folkestone on Le Shuttle
6.51-7.30pm: travel from Le Shuttle Terminal at Folkestone to St. Anselm's
7.30pm: students collected from St. Anselm's

* denotes French time

Food & Lunch

Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the day (those in receipt of Free School Meals will have a packed lunch prepared by the Canteen) which they will get to eat whilst at Nausicaa. Students will only be allowed in the terminal building at Folkestone to use the toilet and not to do shopping so that they can save their spending money for when they are in France. Please note that current customs restrictions prevent meat and milk as well as their derived products (eg. yoghurt, cheese, sausage rolls) from being taken from the UK to France however confectionary is exempt. You may want to consider this when choosing what you put in your packed lunch and bring for snacks.

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Items to bring

Students will need to bring a backpack to carry their lunch, snacks, drinks and any shopping in. They will also need a suitable coat for the weather for when walking between buildings and the coach.

School Uniform

Students will not be required to wear school uniform on the trip but we ask that they wear clothing and footwear that is suitable for travelling in and walking around Nausicaa.

Travelling on Le Shuttle

The journey on Le Shuttle each way is 35 minutes. During this time students will remain in their assigned coaches. Toilets are limited on Le Shuttle and not always available. As such before getting onto Le Shuttle students will be encouraged to use the toilets in the terminal building at both Calais and Folkestone. Students will not be allowed to visit the shops in the terminal building to save their money for when they are in France. We would also recommend students consider bringing a book to read or a small travel game to play with friends on the journey.

Mobile phones

We understand that in today's modern times a lot of students use their mobile phones for more than just making phone calls. They are also cameras and they will no doubt want to take photos of the things they see at Nausicaa. However we are also acutely aware of the exorbitant costs of roaming charges when using your mobile abroad. Therefore we would advise that once on Le Shuttle in Folkestone students switch their phone to flight mode which will allow them to use camera features on the phone without incurring roaming charges. It is the responsibility of the student to do this and we would advise you sit down with them ahead of the trip to work out how to do this. Once students return to Folkestone in the evening we would ask that they switch their phone off flight mode to make contact with yourselves to pass on our estimated time of arrival in the evening back at school. Any student who doesn't have access to a phone can approach staff who will call on their behalf. If any student is caught using their phone irresponsibly during the trip they will be dealt with according to the school behaviour policy.

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Passport

Current rules state that anyone travelling to the EU must have a passport that is less than 10 years old and have a minimum of 3 months left on it. As such all students will need a passport that was issued no earlier than 08/03/2015 and expires after 08/06/2025. Students will be required to bring in their passport and hand it to Mrs Williams on the first day back after February Half term. The passport will be securely stored in the school safe during this time. This is in order to make sure all students have their passport for the trip. For more information on this and to apply for a new passport or renew a passport visit: Apply online for a UK passport - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Currently the general turn around on passport applications is 3 weeks however this may take longer if more information is needed so we would recommend you start the process as soon as possible.

GHIC Card

The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) replaced the old EHIC card. It entitles the bearer to necessary state healthcare in the European Economic Area, which France is a part of, on the same basis as a resident in that country. The card is free to apply for and lasts 5 years. Students will need to bring in their GHIC and hand to Mrs Williams on the first day back after February Half term. It will be securely stored in the school safe during this time to make sure all students have their GHIC for the trip. More information on this and to apply for a GHIC visit: Applying for healthcare cover abroad (GHIC and EHIC) - NHS (www.nhs.uk). After you apply you'll get an email within 24 hours to say if you've been approved or not and should receive your card through the post 15 working days later.

Spending Money

It is up to you how much spending money (Euros) you allow your child to bring on the trip. We would advise the use of cash rather than card to avoid bank fees when using in a foreign country and also so students aren't prevented from purchasing items due to an unforeseen block on using their card abroad. Students will be solely responsible for keeping their spending money safe for the duration of the trip.

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The cost for this trip is £66 per student. If your child would like to go on the trip but cost is a prohibitive factor please contact the school in confidence. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis and if your child wants to go we would advise returning the attached consent form asap or at the latest by Thursday 19th December 2024. Payment for the trip can be made on Parent Pay. If your child is unsuccessful in getting a space on the trip and you have paid then this will of course be refunded to you.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this trip please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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CONSENT FORM

MFL Day Trip to France (Friday 7th March 2025)

Student's Name: …… Year: …… Form: ……

Please tick the boxes to indicate if you give permission.

□ I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the above trip on Friday 7th March 2025.

□ I understand that they will need to be at school by 8am on the day and if they are late may miss the trip. I understand if they miss the trip then I will not receive a refund.

□ I understand I will need to collect my son/daughter or make arrangements for them to be collected by a friend/other family member from the school at around 7.30pm on the day. I understand the school will not allow my son/daughter to make their own way home after the trip. I understand that my son/daughter will make contact with me on the day with a more exact time of arrival back at the school.

□ I understand that my son/daughter will be travelling to France via coach and Le Shuttle.

□ I understand my son/daughter will need to bring a packed lunch for the day or, if they are on Free School Meals, will have one prepared for them from the School Canteen. I understand that any food or drink brought on the trip is subject to customs rules.

□ I will ensure that my son/daughter has a valid GHIC card available to bring into school on the first day back after February Half Term.

□ I will ensure that my son/daughter has a valid passport available to bring into school on the first day back after February Half Term that is issued no earlier than 08/03/2015 and expires no earlier than 08/06/2025.

Please turn over to complete the rest of the consent form

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Are there any medical conditions we should be aware of YES/NO (delete as applicable)

If yes please give details ……

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Parent's Signature: …… Date: ……

Please return to Mrs Williams in the Merici House Office by

Monday 6th January 2025

I understand that places on the trip will be allocated on a first come first served basis and that if my son/daughter doesn't get a space on the trip then the cost of the trip will be refunded.