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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Educational Visit to Normandy/Northern France (3 day residential)

Date: Monday 15 July – Wednesday 17 July 2019
Purpose of visit: Enrichment experience to complement studies on WW2
Time of departure: Approx. 5:45am from the end of White Horse Drive 15 July
Time of return: Approx. 9:00pm at the end of White Horse Drive 17 July
Mode of travel: Coach and Eurotunnel*
Cost: £330pp
Dress: Non-uniform. As we will be walking over uneven ground sensible footwear is a must. In addition, we will be visiting war memorials and gravesites therefore students must dress in an appropriate and respectful manner.

In order to complement our student's studies on WW2 the History department are proud to announce that we will be running a 3 day residential trip to Northern France/Normandy for Activity Week. We plan to catch the 9:30am Eurotunnel from Folkestone*. Shortly after our arrival at Calais we will visit the German 'Batterie Todt Gun Emplacement' in order for the students to appreciate how formidable the German defences were here leading the allies to choose Normandy for their invasion. After lunch we will then proceed to the Norman town of Caen (liberated by the allies in July 1944) where we will check into the Hotel Ibis. Rooms vary from accommodating one to three people, all with en-suite bathrooms. Teachers will be staying on the same floor as the students. For the subsequent two days we will be accompanied by a professional tour guide who will take us to several museums, a 360 cinema and other D-Day related sites. Normandy has a rich History, both recent and ancient, so we will also take the opportunity to visit the Bayeux Tapestry and also the medieval town of Rouen. A full itinerary is attached.

The cost of this trip is £330 per student. This includes all travel costs, entry to all museums and other sites, tour guide and the following meals:

- Day one: dinner
- Day two: breakfast, packed lunch, dinner
- Day three: breakfast and packed lunch

Students can bring spending money for anything they may wish to buy in addition to what will be provided. We advise that they also bring breakfast and lunch for day one.

We would like all our Year 9 History students to be able to attend what will be a wonderful and memorable trip but unfortunately we have only been able to secure 60 places, therefore we will work on a first come first served basis. In order to secure your child's place on this trip we need to collect a non-refundable £50 deposit asap, with two further payments to settle the amount thereafter (£140 by 5 April and a final £140 by 17 May).

Headteacher: Ms R Allen MA NPQH

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Please also let me take this opportunity to stress that exemplary behaviour on a trip that visits sensitive sites, where many relatives of the fallen will be present, is an absolute necessity. If we do experience persistent behaviour problems between now and the trip pupils may be deselected and deposits could be lost.

We will be collecting consent and payments on ParentPay using the service called '**Normandy Y9 2019**'. You will be unable to complete the transaction until you have clicked on the 'consent' box. Please note that deposits are non-refundable as the school makes a financial commitment to companies based on the number of places required. As there are a limited number of places available, once all places have been taken the service will automatically close and you will need to email Mrs Murray on hmurray@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk to join the wait list. When the trip is full, we will send out a confirmation letter and a student information and consent form.

The trip will be covered by the Department of Education Risk Protection Arrangement for academy trusts (RPA). Should you wish to see the details of cover, this is available via the Department of Education website.

Please note that the Geography department will also be running a trip during 'Activities Week', so for those students who do both History and Geography, they will have to decide which they would rather attend. Students not attending the trip will be expected to attend school as normal.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, preferably via email. If you have any payment issues please email Mrs Murray on the above email.

Yours sincerely

Mr N J Chamberlain
Head of History
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*Please note, Eurotunnel are not taking bookings for July yet so we are unable to confirm these times. As soon as we get a definite time we will relay this information to you.

Please note: With Brexit looming your child may need a passport with 6 months validity from the time of the trip so will need to be valid until Feb 2020 to be safe. In addition, at the moment we do require all students to have a valid EHIC medical card as if we leave the EU with a deal these will still be valid during the negotiated transitional period. As soon as we know more we will update you.

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