



Tuesday 19th October

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Y 7 Trip to France, April 2022

We are delighted to be able to offer a Year 7 trip this academic year. We plan to visit Northern France during the Easter Holiday from the evening of Friday 8th April to Wednesday 13th April 2022.

The cost of the trip is £445 and includes:

- Coach and ferry travel to France.
- Full board accommodation at Chateau du Baffy.
- Full insurance for the duration of the trip. Pre-existing medical conditions will need to be declared before travel to be covered by this insurance.
- A full range of cultural and historical activities.
- Evening activities and entertainment.

The only costs not included are spending money for drinks, snacks or gifts. We will also provide the chance to purchase a trip hoody at a later date.

We are able to take a maximum of 53 students on this trip. If needed we will operate a selection policy where names will be drawn out of a hat. If you wish to apply for a place for your child on this trip, we ask you to complete the form attached and return it to Mr Young no later than Friday 22nd October. You will also need to pay a **non-refundable £100** deposit via your child's parentpay account no later than Friday 22nd October. We will notify you in due course if the application is successful. Obviously this deposit will be refunded if the trip is over-subscribed and your child isn't drawn out of the hat.

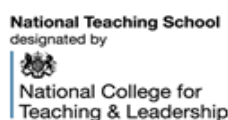
Understandably, this is a significant undertaking to take a large group of children by coach and ferry to mainland Europe. As such if offered a place having paid the initial deposit you are making a financial commitment for the full payment of that cost. Please note that if your child withdraws from the trip after being offered a place, balances will only be able to be returned if a replacement student is found to fill the place.

We are planning this trip with the assumption that 2022 will be "back to normal" and the restrictions placed on travel due to the pandemic will be over. However should Covid-19 impact the trip, meaning either individuals cannot travel or the entire trip is cancelled, then all money paid will be refunded in full including the deposit.

Successful applicants will require a passport valid until at least six months after return [valid until at least 26/10/2022]. Applicants will also require a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which replaces the EHIC. Details of how to apply for a GHIC can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

We will be organising the trip through Select School Travel Ltd., a first class operator backed by ABTA membership and ATOL licensed, ensuring that all payments made are fully secure. The Chateau and the company have many years of experience of running successful and safe school trips.



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We will require payments as laid out in the schedule below. You can of course pay before these dates:

Initial Deposit	Friday 22nd October	£100
Payment 2	Friday 26th November	£115
Payment 3	Monday 10 th January	£115
Final Payment	Friday 11th February	£115
	Total Cost	£445

Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a reserve list and will be notified if a place becomes available. Having been offered a place I will send out appropriate medical consent forms in due course.

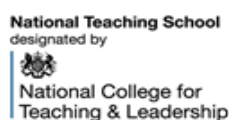
Payments for this trip should be made via our online payment system Parentpay. Details of this service can be found on our school website under the 'Parents' section:

If you wish to discuss any of the details of the trip please contact me at ayoung@stthomasmore.org.uk or on 0191 499 5012.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Young
Trip Leader

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We would like to apply for a place on the Year 7 French Trip, April 2022. We understand that no guarantee can be made that this application will be successful.

Name of Pupil: _____ Pastoral: _____

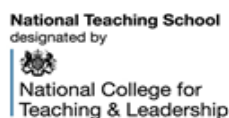
D.O.B. _____

This question is voluntary but the information will eventually be essential in planning the Covid related protocols for entering and leaving France:

Is the pupil currently Covid vaccinated or likely to be vaccinated by March 2022? _____

Names of friends likely to want to go on the trip _____

Parent / Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



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