



Thursday 22nd September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 7 Trip to France, Easter holidays 2023

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 Monday 10th April to Saturday 15th April 2023.

The cost of the trip is £460 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 51 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 (via pastoral tutors) no later than Friday 7th October. You will also need to pay a **non-refundable £100** deposit via your child's parentpay account no later than Friday 7th 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.

Successful applicants will require a passport valid until at least six months after return [valid until at least 31/10/2023]. 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 7th October	£100
Payment 2	Friday 11th November	£120
Payment 3	Monday 19 th December	£120
Final Payment	Friday 13th January 2023	£120
	Total Cost (including 1st payment)	£460

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



Year 7 Trip to France 2023

We would like to apply for a place on the Year 7 French Trip, April 2023. We understand that no guarantee can be made that this application will be successful.

Name of Pupil: _____ Pastoral: _____

D.O.B. _____

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

Parent / Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

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