

French Trip 2019



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Thursday 27th June – Tuesday 2nd July

Château Beaumont



Staff Involved

- Mr Armstrong = Trip Leader/French Teacher (First Aider)
- Mr Freeman-Myers = Associate Assistant Headteacher /Curriculum Leader (other EBACC)
- Mrs Tanner = Computing teacher
- Mrs Alderson = KS2 teacher (First Aider)
- Mrs Bond = Maths teacher/year 7 Form tutor

42 Year 7 pupils (21 girls, 21 boys)

Where is Château Beaumont?

<http://www.chateau-beaumont.co.uk/>



Château Beaumont, Laval
60 km from Rennes

Château Beaumont is located near the village of Chailland on the borders of Normandy and Loire.



French Trip 2019 Itinerary

- **Thursday 27th June:**

Arrive school: TBC

Leave HMS at: TBC

- **Friday 28th June:**

Leave Portsmouth at 8.15am local time

– 6 hour ferry crossing to Caen

Check in at Château Beaumont at 6pm local time

Evening meal 6.30pm

Evening entertainment – TBC



French Trip 2019 Itinerary

- **Saturday 29th June:**

am: Laval Market and Hypermarket

Packed Lunch in Chailland

pm: Activities at Le Château

Evening Activities - French Night

BRING AN OUTFIT!

- **Sunday 30th June:**

am: Fougères Town and Medieval Castle

Packed Lunch in Fougères

pm: Le Mont St Michel and the Abbey

Evening Activities - Talent Show & Disco



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- **Monday 1st July:**

Depart le Chateau at 7am

Visit Bayeux Tapestry

Arromanches – Normandy landing beaches
and 360° Cinema

Depart Caen at 4:30pm local time

- **360° Cinema** - Located on the Arromanches clifftops, the Arromanches 360 circular cinema dominates the remnants of one of the two artificial Mulberry harbours set up by the Allies.



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- **Tuesday 2nd July:**

Arrive HMS approx 5am

(phone call/text message)

NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY



Sleeping Arrangements

- Students will sleep in ensuite dormitories (6 – 8 beds)
- Every student will be with at least one other friend they are happy to share a dormitory with
- Students to choose one friend who they would like to share with (To be arranged in May)
- Rooms to be confirmed early June





Pocket Money



- €70-80 will be sufficient for time in France.
- Money deposited in **'La Banque'** can be accessed every morning.
 - Students will be informed of a suggested amount of money needed per day depending on the excursions.
 - Monies removed from **'La Banque'** cannot be returned and is students own responsibility.
- Aim for all money for **'La Banque'** to be posted in the **payments post box by Friday 21st June.**
- Students should also have a small amount of British money for the ferries and journey to and from France which they are responsible for themselves.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC – replacing E111)



- EHICs **MUST** be submitted in the **Payments Post Box** in a sealed envelope with student name, form group and EHIC written on by **Friday 7th June latest.**
- Original EHIC will be kept by staff throughout the duration of the French Trip.
- Apply online/phone/post office for free.

www.nhs.uk/ehic

Travel Insurance

- The school has a travel insurance policy to cover all staff and students.
- If a child has a particular medical condition that is excluded from the policy, further discussions will take place with respective parents/carers. The insurance company may choose to review the premium. If you feel that this may apply to your child please inform myself or Mr Armstrong.
- You are also welcome to take out your own travel insurance policy if you feel that this applies.

Collective Passport

- We will be travelling using a Collective Passport which will cover children with or without their own passport.
- **What you need to do:**
 - Complete the appropriate **‘Collective passport nationality questionnaire and parental consent form for children born in/outside the UK’**
 - Submit **two** passport sized photographs (for Green I.D card)
 - Placed into ‘Payments Post Box’ in a sealed envelope with student name, form group and ‘French Trip Collective Passport’ written on by **Wednesday 24th April latest.**

<https://www.gov.uk/collective-group-passports/supporting-documents>

Photographic criteria

Please ensure that photographs are:

- Recent (taken within the last 6 months);
- Passport photo size;
- Show full head and shoulders;
- In colour; and
- Good quality paper

Nb. Any photographs that do not fit the criteria will be rejected by HMPO, and will delay the application process

Packing List

- A suggested packing list is included within your information pack.
- Pupils should follow the suggested list.
- Don't pack too much but be prepared.
- Weather in Normandy can be unpredictable but similar to the English south coast.
- Pack a couple of plastic carrier bags for muddy and/or wet clothes.
- Bring 1-2 medium-sized towels for showers and swimming.
- Remember to pack sunscreen as we are spending lots of time outdoors.
- No makeup please.



Medical Supplies / Information

- Any parent consent/medical forms **MUST** be handed to Mr Armstrong by **Monday 13th May latest.**
 - All medication handed in, including travel sickness/hayfever tablets, **must** be accompanied by written instructions and signed by a parent/carer.
- **Medication handed to Mrs Alderson on the evening of departure, if it cannot be submitted earlier.**
- Please pack enough medication for the trip and some spare medication in case it is required.

Electrical Appliances

- Continental adaptors are required
- Students may consider **sharing appliances** for e.g. Hair dryer, straighteners
- Dormitories include power points but they are not in abundance.



Use of Mobile Phones/iPads

- Students may only use mobile phones for photography and MUST be switched to silent so as not to disturb any activity
- No file sharing of photos/videos on social media.
No Whatsapp / No Snapchat / No facebook / No instagram etc.
- Communications home: Share good news not bad. If a problem come talk to the teachers first.
- Please ensure you are aware of how to turn off mobile data - students should not be using internet in France as this can be very expensive!
- **Anyone misusing their phone will have it confiscated!**



Communications home

General communication:

- We would encourage minimal contact to maximise cultural experience and promote independence.

In case of an emergency:

- Parents to contact Emergency Contact at HMS
 - Mr Atkins/Mr Watters
 - The emergency contact will contact Trip Leader who will decide what action needs to be taken.
- Trip Leader will contact emergency contact at HMS if issue arises during trip.

Hoodies



- Hoodies and personalisation are **both** included in price of the trip.
- Pupils can choose to personalise their hoodie in one of the following ways:
 - Name/nickname on front of hoodie.
 - Name/nickname on sleeve.
 - Name/nickname on back of hoodie.
- Hoodies available to try on for size. Please try and do this **tonight**. An order form is attached at the end of your information pack. Orders to be placed by **Friday 3rd May**.

Hoodie Designs



FRONT



REVERSE

Hoodie Designs



Information for the **outward journey**

- Students should pack some light snacks (***No nuts please***).
- There will be an opportunity to buy food and drink items on the ferry – you may wish to hand in extra travelling money along with the pocket money (*this should be clearly labelled*).
- Cinema screening on ferry crossing, subject to availability. Tickets purchased on the ferry. Tickets are priced at £5.

STUDENTS NOT TO BUY FOOD AND DRINK ON
OUTWARD JOURNEY TO PORTSMOUTH

On va parler beaucoup de français!

- Each pupil will receive a language booklet which has lists of vocabulary for all of our excursions - we want to hear lots of French!
- Pupils to try and order all meals in French at the Château.
- Pupils to use French when withdrawing money from 'La Banque'.
- Pupils to use their language skills for activities such as quizzes, treasure hunts during excursions

Pupils will be invited to come along to a language lunchtime club to practice relevant vocab and boost their confidence.

Code of Conduct

- This is a school trip - behaviour should resemble the same expected standards we have at HMS.
- Appropriate sanctions will apply where necessary should a child's behaviour fall below this standard.
- Students are representing our school and will be residing at Le Château with another school.
- Students to treat everyone with mutual respect.
- Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Pupils to try and speak French **where possible**.

Final reminders

- The **coach departs HMS at TBC** on Thursday 27th June.
- The **coach arrives at HMS at approximately 5:00am** on Tuesday 2nd July.
- Pupils return to school on **Wednesday 3rd July.**
- Medication, EHICs and Collective Passport documents and photograph to be submitted in advance.
- Don't forget to take your information booklet away.
 - One booklet per child

Admin Deadlines

- Collective Passport – **Wednesday 24th April**
- Hoodie order form – **Friday 3rd May**
- Parental Consent/Medical Forms (2 No.) - **Monday 13th May**
- EHICs to school – **Friday 7th June**
- Money – **Friday 21st June**



Q & A

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