

Dear Parents/Carers

27 September 2017

### **Cultural/Linguistic Trip to Le Touquet – All years**

The MFL Department is organising a linguistic and cultural trip to Le Touquet in the north of France; a short distance from Calais. This trip will be open to all year groups. The purpose of the visit is for the students to practise their linguistic skills as well as getting a flavour of what life is like in France and therefore experience some of the cultural differences between the two countries.

We will be leaving on Saturday 24 March and return on Tuesday 27 March, timings will be confirmed at a later date. The trip will take place at the start of the Easter holidays and therefore the students will not miss any school time. We will be travelling by executive coach to Dover to catch the ferry. We will be staying in the hotel Sables d'Or, in Stella Plage a seaside resort south of Calais. The students' accommodation consists of multi-bedded bedrooms and they all have their own shower and toilet facilities and a continental breakfast is served every morning. The hotel is situated within a short distance of the beach and the town centre. The trip will include cultural, historic and linguistic visits as listed below:

- La Coupole (WW2 & French occupation museum)
- La carrière de Wellington (The Wellington Quarry: an underground shelter during WW1 now housing an impressive museum where students can experience what life was like in the tunnels, see the soldiers' graffiti and much more)
- La halte d'autrefois (A goat farm: bread making, goat milking...)
- La chocolaterie de Beussant (A tour of the chocolate factory)
- A town trail of the fortified town of Boulogne-sur-Mer
- Shopping at Cité de l'Europe on the way back for a last opportunity to grab presents or a croissant!

We have been looking at the best possible deals for our students and the cost of the trip is £345 and includes all meals (except lunch on the way to Le Touquet and the evening meal on the way back to Taunton).

We expect this trip to be popular so places will be given on a first come first served basis and is limited to 40 students. If you would like your child to take part in this trip please return the slip below as soon as possible to secure your place with the non-refundable £85.50 deposit by Monday 2 October. If you are currently receiving free school meals please tick the box on the attached form as funds may be available to cover the cost of the trip. Please make sure that your child has a valid passport and EHIC card. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Reid – Teacher of MFL and Visit Leader

**Payment schedules**

First Deposit – £85.50 by Monday 2 October 2017

Second Payment – £86.50 by Monday 6 November 2017

Third Payment – £86.50 by Monday 4 December 2017

Fourth Payment – £86.50 by Monday 8 January 2018

Your child will be given a payment card by the Finance Office (after the first deposit has been paid and the trip has been confirmed) which they must bring with them whenever a payment is made by cash or cheque. You can also pay via the school's online payment system or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone)

Please complete the reply slip and hand in to the school Finance Office by Monday 2 October 2017.

All cheques must be payable to 'The Castle School'.

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**2018 - Cultural / Linguistic Trip to Paris – Cultural / Linguistic Trip to Le Touquet – All years**

Name of student ..... Form Group .....

I am currently receiving Free School Meals

I enclose a deposit of £85.50 for the 2018 Trip to Le Touquet / I have paid online, or by credit / debit card\*

\*Please delete as applicable

Printed name ..... Signed ..... Date .....

Parent / Carer – Email address .....

Parent / Carer – Mobile number ..... Home .....