



Saint Olave's Grammar School

London 1571

Headteacher: A. Rees BSc.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 French visit to Normandy 8th to 12th July 2019

I am delighted to inform you that the MFL Faculty will be organising a trip to stay at **Le Château de la Baudonnière** in Normandy for Year 10 students who are studying the language for GCSE or who studied it in years 7 and 8 but then chose Latin. This residential visit has run several times before and it has always been a thoroughly enjoyable event. Students who went on the visit last year (who are now in year 11) learned a great deal without really realising they were doing so.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving on Monday 8th July in the morning from school and crossing via the channel tunnel. During our visit, the boys will have the chance to participate in a wide variety of sports and activities, including archery and bread making, as well as visiting local sites of historical interest such as Le Mont Saint Michel, and a local market. The ethos of Le Château is very much one of immersion and all instruction and activities will take place in French. We will return to school on Friday 12th July.

Final details, including the exact itinerary, will be available nearer the time and we will also have an evening meeting at school during which you will be able to ask any questions about the visit. Students will stay together at the Chateau in shared rooms, and all travel, meals and activities are included in the price quoted below.

The total cost of the visit will be £520.00 and will be split into 3 payments with the first contribution of £100 due by 20th October in order to secure our booking and your son's place on the trip. 2 further payments of £210 each will be due by 31st January and 30th April, 2019. Pupils will also need to budget money for snacks, drinks and souvenirs during our visits outside the centre. Should you find yourself in financial difficulties, please apply to the Headmaster in writing. Your application for support will be considered in the strictest confidence. Payment should be made via our on-line system (sQuid). Should you experience any problems in connection with the on-line system, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department by email financeoffice@saintolaves.net and they will assist with your query.

Boys will need a valid individual passport and an EHIC to travel to France. Anyone with a non-EU passport must inform the school as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made with the British Council for a visa waiver form to be completed and forwarded to school in time for the trip.



Please indicate below if you give permission for your son to come on this trip and tick the boxes as appropriate. Please write your son's name and form on the back of the photocopies, as well as "Normandy visit 2019". Pupils should understand that standards of behaviour and discipline on such a trip are of the highest importance. They will be required to sign an undertaking to abide by the regulations for the trip and any breach of discipline will have serious consequences and permission to participate in future school trips may well be refused.

Yours faithfully

Madame G Gardiner – Visit Organiser

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The reply slip below and copies of passport and EHIC should be placed in an envelope and handed in to your son's French teacher or Madame Gardiner in room 13.

Student's name: _____ **Form:** _____

I give permission for my son to participate in the trip to Normandy from 8th to 12th July 2019, and I have paid the deposit of £100 for the trip.*

I confirm that my son has an individual passport, valid for the duration of the trip. A copy of the photo ID page is enclosed.*

I confirm that my son has a valid EHIC medical card, a copy of which is enclosed.*

Signed: _____ **Parent/Carer Date:** _____

* Please tick box as appropriate