

To Parents of Form V (2019) - French Trip 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of our plans for next year's trip to France with Form VI, which will take place from Monday 27th April to Saturday 2nd May 2020. Please note that we shall be returning during the early May Bank Holiday weekend.

As in past years, we shall be taking part in the 'Normandie à la Carte' programme, overseen by Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy. For many years, the Château has offered French language immersion courses that encourage children to improve their French listening and speaking skills through stimulating and fun activities, encouraged by native French-speaking staff. The girls from the current Form VI have recently returned from their trip to Normandy – they had a wonderful time! For further information, have a look at the websites www.the-chateau.com and <https://www.voyagerschooltravel.com>.

We shall be staying at La Grand' Ferme, a centre close to the Château where we might take part in activities such as bread-making, cycling and walking across the bay of Le Mont St Michel. We shall also spend time at the Château, participating in on-site activities such as orienteering and archery or visiting the mini-farm. All the activities will be delivered in French. The rest of our time will be spent on excursions to places of interest such as Le Mont St Michel and the Bayeux Tapestry. We might also visit a local market and a goat's cheese farm.

The cost of the trip will be £515 and includes all transport (the coach might sometimes be shared with another similar school), accommodation, meals and excursions. St Hilda's general insurance policy will cover the travel arrangements but does not cover loss or theft of personal property – we suggest that you check your own travel insurance cover for this.

The cost is to be paid in two instalments which will be added to your account in September and January. The balance of £75 will form the deposit.

If you would like your daughter to take part, please reply to office@sthildasharpenden.co.uk, as soon as possible, and not later than Friday, 14th June. The £75 deposit will be added to the invoice that goes out at the end of this term.

I look forward to a fun-filled and rewarding trip.

With best wishes,

Mrs H Knight