



St Hilda's School  
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5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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 **Sunday 28th April 2024 (am) to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 (pm)**. Please note that we will be returning just before the early May Bank Holiday weekend, giving us three days recovery time.

As in past years, we will be taking part in the 'Normandie à la Carte' programme, overseen by the 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. For further information, have a look at the website [www.the-chateau.com](http://www.the-chateau.com) and <https://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/our-centres/la-grand-ferme/>.

We will 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 will 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 £600 and includes all transport, accommodation, meals, excursions and insurance. Travel insurance for the trip will be covered by our school policy but you should check your own insurance for cover of personal property.

A separate invoice for the full amount of the trip will be sent out in October - you can pay in instalments. In order to match our payments to the company, please use this bimonthly payment plan: **£100 by 31/10/23, £250 by 10/12/23, £250 by 10/02/24**. Please include payment reference: **FRANCE24**

Please can you complete this google form <https://forms.gle/zGWMbj4H1b1dWP3p9> with your consent to attend this trip by **10am Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

More details will follow in due course and there will be a meeting about the trip for parents and girls on **Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.45am**. If there is anything, you wish to discuss, please contact me on: [plawrenson@sthildasharpenden.co.uk](mailto:plawrenson@sthildasharpenden.co.uk).

We look forward to a fun-filled and rewarding trip!

With best wishes,

**Mrs P. Lawrenson**

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