



Residential trips are being planned for years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for 2018 and letters are being sent home for all of these trips today. We hope this will allow parents and carers with children in more than one year at school to consider and prioritise the trips available in school.

12 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 French Language Cultural Tour of Normandy, 16 - 19 March 2018

The annual Year 8 French residential trip will take place on the weekend of Friday 16 March to Monday 19 March 2018. We will be staying at the Château du Molay on the Normandy coast. Learners who went last year had a fantastic time and it is an invaluable opportunity to bring their language learning to life in rural France.

The trip includes many opportunities for learners to use their language skills:

- a visit to a French bakery, Boulangerie les Co Pains
- a visit to a snail farm, Les Escargots du Bocage.
- a visit to the Mesrill goat farm
- a visit to a Les Marianiks chocolate factory
- a one-day entrance to Eurodisney
- a visit to a French supermarché

The cost of the trip is **£260 per learner** based on a minimum of 40 learners. The cost includes travel insurance, entrance to all the excursions, plus full-board accommodation and evening entertainment at the château.

Please note the price may be subject to change depending on the number of learners who wish to take part. The chateau has accommodation for over a hundred people.

This trip has proved very popular in previous years. To secure a place, please return the reply slip below, the completed medical form and pay a non-refundable deposit of £50. **The deadline for deposits to be received is Friday, 15 September.**

The instalment schedule is shown in the table below and payment in full must be made by 18 December 2017.

Date	Amount
15 September	£50
31 October	£70
30 November	£70
18 December	£70

Payments should be made using **Parentpay**, the school's online payment website. If you have not activated your Parentpay account please email finance@birchwoodhigh.org to request an activation letter. You can also use this email address to request a **PayPoint** letter. This will allow you to pay by cash at any of the PayPoint locations in the local area. Please note you cannot pay by cash or cheque at the school office.

Learners must maintain a high standard of attendance and behaviour and a positive attitude to learning in their language lessons. School reserves the right to withdraw your child's place where they display poor or unsafe behaviour in school. If this is the case, any money already paid for the trip will not be refunded.

Learners will need an up-to-date UK passport and EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). For further details regarding the tour and the accommodation, please refer to the website: <http://www.travelbound.co.uk/school-trips/chateau-du-molay>

Yours sincerely



Mr K Farrell
Head of Languages

Year 8 French Language Tour, Normandy, Friday 16 March to Monday 19 March 2018

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Name of Learner: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the above trip. I confirm I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £50 and I enclose a completed medical form.

Name of Parent/Carer: _____

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

Please return this slip to the school office by Friday 15 September