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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to offer a French residential visit for students in our current Year 8 cohort, from Friday 21st May 2027 to Monday 24th May 2027. This visit will be a wonderful opportunity for students to sample French history and culture and test their linguistic skills in a fun and fascinating location.

We will be travelling with Manor Adventure to Le Château du Broutel, in Normandy. The students will take part in the 'French experience' which includes various local visits and activities. We will visit Nausicaá, the biggest aquarium in Europe, the weekend market in Amiens, famous for its gothic cathedral, a local goat's cheese farm and finally a local theme park 'Parc Bagatelle'. Children will also take part in activities in and around the chateau on an evening. Depending on the weather, we may also visit the beach in Berck sur Mer.

Please visit the links below to find out more about the château and some of the other places we will be visiting –

<https://www.manoradventure.com/chateau-du-broutel.php>

[Nausicaá : The biggest aquarium in Europe, just across the Channel \(nausicaa.fr\)](http://nausicaa.fr)

[Bagatelle | Parc d'attractions dans le Nord de la France \(parcbagatelle.com\)](http://parcbagatelle.com)

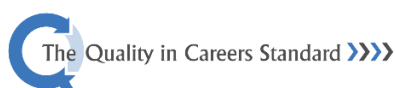
The trip will run from Friday 21st May till Monday 24th May 2027. The price of the trip will be £548. This is fully inclusive and includes:

- Travel by coach
- Travel to France and UK by ferry (journey to France) and Eurotunnel (return journey to UK).
- Full board and accommodation
- All meals in France (breakfast and evening meal at the château and packed lunches for excursions)
- All excursions, visits and entry fees

There are 90 places available and priority will be given to pupils who have shown an excellent attitude to learning in their French lessons. If you would like your child to take part in the visit, please fill in the form below:

[French Trip 2027 - Expression of Interest](#)

Deadline for completion is 4pm on Friday 25 September 2026. Please note completion of this form does not guarantee your child a place on the visit. Children will be informed early in October if they have been successful in gaining a place on the visit. If your child is successful in securing a place on the trip, a deposit of **£150** would be required, via ParentPay, by **Friday 23rd October 2026**. The remainder of the balance will be required to be paid by Friday 12th March 2027. If you wish to pay by instalments, details of the payment schedule will be outlined in the next letter to successful pupils.



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Children should travel using their own passport and you must ensure that there is at least six months validity left on the passport from our departure date. Children will also need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This replaces the old EHIC. This is free and can be applied for using the following link.

<https://www.nhs.uk/ghic>

Once a child has been accepted onto the trip, the deposit becomes non-refundable in the event of cancellation by parents unless a replacement can be found. This clearly becomes more difficult to do as get nearer we get to the date of departure. Depending on the reason for cancellation, any subsequent payments may also be forfeited in whole or part, again unless a replacement can be found.

As places are limited this means that some pupils will be disappointed; it is not possible to organise a second visit. Once the 90 places have allocated, letters will be sent home informing pupils as to whether they have been successful in securing a place or whether they have been placed on the reserve list. There are always some children who withdraw from trips as the year progresses and their places are then offered to pupils on the reserve list. Please note we will not respond to complaints if your child is not successful in gaining a place.

Finally, it is also important to note that pupils' participation on the trip will be dependent on their continued good attitude and behaviour up until the time the trip departs. The school reserves the right to exclude pupils from the trip if deemed necessary, either because of repeated lower-level misbehaviour or poor attitude (in which case prior warning will be given) or in the event of a serious breach of the school rules (in which case no prior warning should be expected). Under such circumstances parents will be refunded in full.

Please note that any pre-existing medical conditions need to be declared as the insurance company must be notified at the outset.

Yours sincerely,

S. Barker

Mrs S Barker
Trip Leader/Strategic Lead for MFL.

