



France 2024

Friday 7th June -
Monday 10th
June



**WHO SAYS TEACHING IS
STRESSFUL?**

**IM ONLY 36 AND I FEEL
GREAT!**

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- Who's coming with us?

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- 90 Year 8 students
- 10 adults/staff
- Mrs Barker- Trip Leader
- Mrs Ward
- Miss Threlfall
- Mr Osborne
- Mr Davidson
- Mr Large
- Mrs Barkworth
- Mrs Keirs
- Mrs Dobson
- Mrs Booth

What time do we need to be
at school?



Friday 7th June

- Please arrive at school by **02.30am**
- **The coach will leave school at 03.00am on Friday 7th June**
- This is our scheduled departure time to reach Dover for the ferry crossing. Please note that the coach company does not wait for latecomers.
- **Ferry : P& O Ferries Dover-Calais 10.05am Arrival in France 12.00 local time.**
- **Please do not park in the bus bay. The school site will be open for parking.**



What do we need to bring?

Luggage



- Medium suitcase (labelled)
 - Small bag/rucksack for the journey and other excursions. The weather in Northern France in June will be similar to that in England so please ensure that you bring sufficient sensible clothing for the weekend, including a waterproof coat and SPF. Please make sure you pack appropriate clothing for when we visit the Somme!
 - Mosquito cream or spray if you are prone to being bitten. I am!
 - If you are prone to mosquito bites please bring cream or a spray.
 - Toiletries for personal hygiene, a towel and nightclothes.
 - Please remember that any electrical items will require an adapter. You may want to bring an extension lead as there are not many sockets in the room. Pupils may also want to share electrical items e.g. hairdryers/straighteners etc
 - **Reusable water bottle.** You may also like to bring playing cards, puzzle books etc. for entertainment on the long journey. **Pupils will need a towel, pillowcase, pillow and a sleeping bag/cover (weather dependant)**
- Pupils will probably need the pillow on the coach as we will be travelling through the night.**

Food!

You will need enough food and drinks to last until we arrive at the chateau on the Friday afternoon/evening. There will be an opportunity to buy something to eat and drink on the ferry, but any other service station stops will just be toilet stops. You may also like to pack some extra snacks in your suitcase for on the journey home.

Please remember that this a very long coach journey. Be sensible with what you eat in the early hours of the morning!

Due to allergies, this must be a nut free trip. Please do not send children with nuts of any kind or chocolate with nuts in !!

How much money should we
bring?

Money

We suggest approximately 65 euros, divided up into individual days in envelopes. Please label each envelope with the pupil's name, the day, and the amount enclosed **and pack day 2-4 in the suitcase**. Group leaders will collect in the envelopes on arrival at the chateau and money will be kept in the safe overnight. Each morning, group leaders will distribute the money to their group.

They will need **money for Day 1 in their day bag**. It is at parents' discretion if pupils bring more money. Pupils may also want to use Apple Pay/ Go Henry or the equivalent.

Can we bring our
phones?

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YES!

Useful for a camera/ playing games on the journey. The chateau does not allow phones at meal-times and we ask that when we are on excursions, pupils are engaging in the activities and not playing on phones. Yes, you can take pictures!

Be aware of costs using abroad.

Bring an adapter so that you can charge your phone.

Phones will not be allowed in dormitories overnight. This is for safeguarding reasons and to ensure you are not on your phone all night.

We will post regular updates on the school's Facebook page.

Can we get off the coach on
the ferry?

YES!

As we are travelling by ferry, we have to leave the coach. We will all leave the vehicle deck and make our way to one of the seating areas where we will outline the rules.

All pupils will know where the meet up point is. There will be staff at this point at all times and in other key areas of the ferry.

Pupils are not allowed to go outside on their own. We may take the group out for a photograph depending on the weather.

Pupils must stay in groups of at least three. Pupils are not allowed in the duty-free shop without a member of staff and must not go in the arcades! Pupils may like to have breakfast or a snack in the café, although it is very expensive!

What will we eat?



The food is excellent!

Pupils with any specific dietary requirements will be given a card stating what their requirement is. They must give this to the chef when ordering their food.

You will be able to try frogs' legs and snails if you want!

The chateau staff will make us a packed lunch each day too and a packed lunch for the journey home.

What will we be doing?

Date	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
Fri 7th June	Arrive at school: 02.30 am Coach departs: 03.00am Ferry departs: 10.05am Arrival In France approx. 11.45am local time	Money/packed lunch to be brought -provided by parents/carers	Visit to Nausicá aquarium and arrival at Chateau de Broutel	Dinner in Chateau Dorm allocation Evening activity tbc
Sat 8th June	Somme Battlefields,	Packed lunch provided by Chateau	Somme Battlefields,	Dinner in Chateau Evening activity tbc
Sunday 9th June	Local market, Carrefour Hypermarket	Packed lunch provided by Chateau	Bagatelle theme park	Dinner in Chateau Evening activity tbc
Monday 10th June	Depart Chateau	Packed lunch provided by Chateau	Eurotunnel departs: 14.20pm Arrive Dover	Food to be purchased at Eurotunnel terminal and /or at services Arrive SMS Approx. 8.00pm

Where will be staying?



We are staying at the Chateau du Broutel which is located approximately an hour from Calais. All the bedrooms have en-suite bathroom facilities.

Children have been allocated rooms and travel groups based on their preferences and friendship groups.

Nowhere is it going to be more necessary to be adult about their behaviour than in the dormitories, which is the only place where they are not directly under the supervision of an adult. All dormitories are en-suite, so there is no need to come out of the dormitories once we have had lights out, but each person in the dormitory must be prepared to let the others sleep, or no-one is going to enjoy their trip properly. As mentioned previously, **phones must not be used in the dormitories.**

How can I contact someone in an emergency?

Emergency Contact: Always through school during opening hours (01484 865444). Please do not try to contact the chateau directly.

Please try to not ring your child. If we have any concerns, we will contact you. Pupils will be able to message you when they are not involved in activities. Pupils will be given the school emergency mobile number just in case.

We will be posting regular updates on the school's Twitter and/or Facebook page.

What should I do with my
child's medication?

Medicines

Medicines which could be needed at any time (e.g. inhalers/auto injectors) should be carried in the pupil's hand luggage. Any spare medication that we hold in school will be taken by the coach/group leader.

If you need to check any medication that we hold please contact the school office.

Any other medication should be brought to the school office by **Wednesday 5th of June by an adult. You have already been sent a google form so relevant consent has been given.**

Travel sickness tablets should be taken before we travel, then information given as to whether there is a second tablet to be taken later in the journey.

Staff will have **paracetamol and travel sickness tablets**, which you have signed to say can be given. Please speak to your child's group leader if there is any further information you would like us to know,

What time do we get back?

- **Return Date:** Monday 10th June
- **Tunnel:** Calais - Dover 14.20 Arrival in UK 13.00
- **Arrive at school:** approx. 20.00
- **The school site will be open for parking. Please do not park in the bus bay**

We will keep you updated through the Twitter and Facebook page of more accurate arrival time and your child will be able to call you as we get closer to school.

Safety measures

We have a very detailed risk assessment for the trip which has been approved by Kirklees and Manor Adventure have their own risk assessment for the centre.

Each staff member has an allocated group of pupils for whom they are responsible. They will head count at every possible moment!

Children must always be in groups of at least three and preferably more. Children will have the emergency contact numbers and some useful phrases.

Entry to the accommodation is by a code. Staff accommodation is close to student accommodation for supervision. Staff will be "on duty" at "lights out"

PASSPORTS AND GHIC CARDS

If you have not brought your child's passport and GHIC card this evening, please ensure it is brought into school on return from half term. They will be kept in the school safe until departure and then each teacher will be responsible for their groups' passports. Children will be given their passports back as we arrive back at school.

Questions?

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