



# Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to confirm that our French department is able to offer a trip to France's Opal Coast for our Year 8 pupils next year. We are planning a stay for 45 pupils at Château d' Eblinghem, which is situated just outside Boulogne sur Mer. The trip will be a 3 day visit from **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

Our intention is for Year 8 pupils to use their language skills whilst experiencing as much French culture as we can pack into 3 days. The exact itinerary is being finalised, although our aim is to visit to a local market, to learn about Boulogne via a town trail, to go to NAUSICAA (a national sea centre and Europe's largest aquarium) and also fit in a behind the scenes experience at either a local chocolate or boulangerie establishment. The château itself is set in four hectares of private grounds and has football and volleyball facilities. There is a large dining hall and pupils will be accommodated in rooms of 4, all of which are en-suite. The teachers' accommodation is next to the pupils' accommodation for ease of supervision and security.

The estimated cost of the trip is **£379**, which includes all coach and ferry transport, all insurance, full board and accommodation and all excursion and entrance fees. Please be aware we need 45 pupils to secure this cost and the cost could increase if we do not reach this number. The price does not include meals taken when travelling to and from Boulogne at the start and end of the trip, nor any spending money you might want your child to have. All payments will be via ParentPay and arrangements can be made to pay in instalments. Before committing to the trip, I must make you aware that pupils will need to travel on their own passport and the passport must be valid for a minimum of 3 months after 12<sup>th</sup> April, which is the date of departure from France.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please indicate this on ParentPay using the 'Boulogne French Trip April 2024' option no later than **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Please note there are 45 places available for this trip and, if interest exceeds 45 places, students' names will be "chosen out of a hat", **not** on a first-come first-served basis. If your child secures a place, you will receive notification regarding an initial **deposit of £75, payable by Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** as well as a payment schedule for the remaining balance. If your child does not secure a place, they will be placed on a reserve list. Unfortunately, initial deposits are non-refundable. However, further payments could be refunded if another student is able to fill your child's place.

As with all school visits, the school reserves the right to review and potentially refuse participation, at any time, to a student whose conduct is considered to compromise the safety of themselves or others.

Yours sincerely

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Lead Teacher French



