



St. Edmund's Girls' School



Wyvern College

September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 - Chateau de la Baudonnière, Normandy, France – 17th March – 23rd March 2019

We are delighted to be able to offer your Child the opportunity to go on the very popular immersion trip to the Château de la Baudonnière.

The Chateau is situated in the region of La Manche in Normandy, 90 minutes south of Cherbourg. Its grounds incorporate an orchard and cider press, boule pitch, farmyard, a lake and river, woodland and meadows.

Our students will engage in a range of outdoor and indoor activities at the centre. For example, there will be an opportunity to take part in a treasure hunt, an orienteering session, climbing, archery and the famous assault course. Teachers will be staying at the centre, of course, and the staff who work there are all experienced and fully trained. There will also be French classroom activities and games and quizzes in the evenings.

The Chateau is all about French language immersion. Everything that is done there involves using practical spoken French to convey meaning and the children are encouraged to speak French as much as possible. A friendly, French environment supports this philosophy. This, of course, provides an excellent opportunity for your child to practise hearing and speaking French in a real life situation. From experience, we also found that it provided students with invaluable life skills in a safe environment and boosted their overall confidence. More details can be found on their website – www.the-chateau.com.

Details:

Year Group: 8

Depart: Sunday 17th March 2019

Return: Saturday 23rd March 2019

Cost: £480

This price includes:

- Full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and dinner except meals en route)
- Standard coach travel and Portsmouth ferry crossing
- All visits throughout the trip
- Varied evening entertainment programme
- Insurance

Passport – Students will be required to have their own passport that is in date.

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EHIC – All students will need to take a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). You can apply for the card, free of charge on www.EHIC.org or picking up an application form from the post office. If your child has an EHIC please ensure the date is still valid.

Payment: Log on to ParentPay, submitting a non-refundable deposit of £125.00 no later than Sunday 7th October. A further instalment of £175.00 is required by 30th November 2018 with the remaining balance of £180 paid by Friday 4th January 2019.

In the box provided on ParentPay please enter medical information and contact details for during the trip. Places are very limited.

Please note all deposits and payments for this trip are non-refundable once your child's place has been confirmed unless the school cancels the trip.

Spaces are limited and in the event of over subscription by the closing date, places will be allocated by random selection. Please also note that if insufficient numbers take up this opportunity, then it will not be possible to run the trip and your payment will be refunded.

Parental Consent: By ticking the consent button on the ParentPay system, you are agreeing to the following:

I agree to impress upon my child/children the necessity to behave responsibly and to help the leaders to ensure the safety of everyone on the visit. I am aware that Wyvern St Edmund's has a detailed planning procedure for the safe running of educational visits, which I can discuss with Mrs Wells the Educational Visits Co-ordinator at the school.

I am also aware that the school's educational visits are always well organised with particular attention paid to health and safety. I understand that there can be no absolute guarantee of safety, but appreciate that the trip leaders of the visit retain the same legal responsibility for students as they have in school and will do everything that is reasonably practicable to ensure the safety of everyone on the visit.

Whilst on an overseas trip, we are all ambassadors of the school and high standards of behaviour are expected. It is essential that your child responds to requests from staff immediately. If your daughter's behaviour at school suggests that they will be unable to conform to these requirements then their suitability to make the trip will be reviewed and payments may not be returned.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs C Webb
Trip Leader

