

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

Dear

I hope your GCSEs have gone well and I am looking forward to seeing you for your French lesson on 29<sup>th</sup> June during Sixth Form induction.

I am writing to you now as I have been investigating trip opportunities for the A2 French class next year. As you may be aware from former students, we have in the past offered a Work Experience visit to France based at the Moulin de Kergoual and run by Alan and H  l  ne Line with whom we have worked for a number of years. Alan and H  l  ne are changing their business model as of September such that work experience will only be offered in children's activity centres during school holidays and for a maximum of 7 students. This is therefore sadly no longer a viable option for Beaumont as we have always had at least 8 students take part and it is unlikely that we would be able to offer a place to everyone who wanted to go. Alan and H  l  ne are however continuing to run their programme of study visits. They have always run this alongside the work experience, although we have to date opted for the latter as the numbers for this have been limited to 6 in the past. I am pleased to say that they have agreed to host a party of up to 12 from Beaumont due to our long-standing association with them.

The study visit will run for 5 days from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Each visit is tailored to the requirements of each school and I will finalise the exact programme once I have confirmed numbers but it involves a variety of lessons and trips which are based around the A-level topics. I have discussed with Alan looking at the Resistance in Brittany as you will be studying occupied France as part of your A2 course and this will give you a chance to look in detail at what happened in a specific area. Another topic for A2 is the environment, where we might visit an environmental project where you would have the chance to interview staff after some preparatory lessons. A lot of emphasis is placed on giving students the opportunity to interact with as many French people as possible so that you can find out about how topics you study for A2 affect real people's daily lives in France and thus adding some authentic current perspectives on your areas of study as well as developing your vocabulary and spoken French. Local people will also be invited to come and have dinner with us at the Moulin giving you further opportunities to speak French – and if you speak to any students who have been to the Moulin before, I am sure they will testify to the quality of the cooking!

I am sure this will be a very rewarding week for those students who take part and hope that you will be able to do so. The total cost will be between  530 and  560 depending on the final cost of flights – the lower price represents the cost as of today based on Ryanair flights from Stansted to Dinard. This includes all meals from arrival to departure on Friday morning, trips, entrance fees and lessons. I have not included the airport transfers from St Albans to Stansted as in the past, parents have organised this between them and I hope this will be possible again.

The total cost consists of a charge for board and lodging as well as a voluntary contribution for transport. If insufficient pupils are prepared to pay the total cost including the voluntary contribution, the trip may have to be cancelled for all pupils. If you are entitled to financial support please contact the school in confidence before applying for the trip. I should be grateful if you would complete the reply slip and return with an initial non-refundable deposit of  100 to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office **by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, cheques to be made payable to Beaumont School. This will enable us to book flights as soon as possible before the summer holidays. The balance will be due by October half-term. You can send your payment in a sealed envelope with your name, form and title of the trip clearly written on it.

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different schedule for families who may find these dates difficult – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss. Could I also ask you to note that School Tour Operators do not differ from other travel companies with regards to cancellations and that cancellation fees may apply. I would like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour at school.

If the trip is oversubscribed and it proves necessary to create a selection process, places will be allocated by lottery. In the event of you not getting a place, the deposit will of course not be processed. **As places are limited to 12, it is important that the deadline is met.**

If you or your parents would like to discuss any aspect of the visit further, please do get in touch either by phoning school or by email on [morag.mccrorie@beaumont.herts.sch.uk](mailto:morag.mccrorie@beaumont.herts.sch.uk)

Best wishes

M. McCrorie  
Deputy Head

**French Study Visit – 21-25 November 2011**

**Return to the box marked ‘French Work Experience’ outside the Finance Office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Pupil’s Surname: (**as on passport\***).....

Pupil’s Forenames: (**as on passport\***).....

Passport Number: .....

Issue Date: .....

Expiry Date: .....

Country of Issue: .....

Form .....

\* Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child’s passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to the airline at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes will incur an extra charge.

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the French Study Visit from 21-25 November 2011

I am/am not\* prepared to make the contribution requested and enclose:

£100 as an initial deposit towards a total cost of between £530 and £560. I undertake to make full payment by the given deadline.

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school’s insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

A  I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.

B  Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are  
 for this visit only  permanent.

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Signed.....Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date.....