

12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am delighted to be writing to you with details of the planned trip to France for pupils in forms 7 RN and S and those who have recently begun French as their chosen second language in Year 8. This will take place during the Curriculum Enrichment Week from July 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2012.

We will be based at 'Interhotel de la Baie' hotel in Carentan, Normandy. Pupils will be accommodated in shared rooms with private facilities. During our stay we will have the opportunity to visit many of the attractions of this beautiful area of France, including the Bayeux tapestry and Mont St. Michel. The pupils will also be encouraged to practise their French during a visit to a traditional market. This trip will be an invaluable and enriching experience which will develop both the pupils' cultural knowledge of France and their language skills.

We will be travelling with the school tour operator STS and taking the coach from here to France. The coach will stay with us all week and we will be able to use it for all of our trips out. Pupils will need their own passports and EHIC cards. Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport.

The total cost of the trip will be between £370-90 dependent on final numbers. This includes all travel, accommodation, insurance, entrance fees and meals from our arrival on Monday evening to our departure on Friday morning. The total cost consists of a charge for board and lodging as well as a voluntary contribution for transport and entrance fees. 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. We have provisionally reserved spaces for all students in 7 RNS and Year 8s studying French as a second language and I very much hope that everyone will come on what promises to be a wonderful week.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part, please complete the enclosed reply slip and return to school with a non-refundable deposit of £50 **by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Cheques should be made payable to Beaumont School and placed in a sealed envelope in the appropriate box outside the Finance Office. Please write your child's name and form on the back of the cheque. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet using our online payment system (NB: You must still return the attached reply slip to school). You should already have received a separate letter with full details of how to access this. The second payment of £160 is due on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and the final balance by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different schedule for parents 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 such as STS do not differ from other travel companies with regards to cancellations and that cancellation fees will 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.

I appreciate that it is in many ways very early to ask Year 7 pupils to decide about a trip which will take place next July, however we have to book our Enrichment Week trips very far in advance in order to secure the best accommodation possible for a large group. Some of you may feel nervous if this will be your first time away from home, but I would like to assure you that you will have a great week!

We will hold an information evening for all parents and students in the summer term to go through all the arrangements once I have the final itinerary. If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact either myself or Mrs Pellington, the Trips and Visits Co-ordinator, at school.

Yours sincerely

Miss V Snelson  
Trip Organiser