

14th October 2008

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 June 8th-12th 2009.

We will be based at 'Le Home du Cotentin' youth centre in Normandy. The youth centre is set in the town of Coutainville and is a stone's throw away from the beach. Pupils will be accommodated in rooms of 2-4 pupils 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 NST 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 is £335 which includes all travel, accommodations, 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 £40 by Friday 7th 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. The dates for further payments are as follows:

Wednesday 10 th December 2008	£145	Wednesday 11 th March 2009	£150
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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 NST do not differ from other travel companies with regards to cancellations and that cancellation fees come into effect from 12 weeks prior to departure. 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 June, 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

Ms C Edison
Trip Organiser

FRENCH TRIP 2009 – REPLY SLIP

Please return to the box marked 'French Trip' outside the Finance Office by Friday 7th November

Pupil's Name Form

I do/do not* wish my child to participate in the trip to France

I am/am not* prepared to make the contribution requested. (**Please delete as applicable*)

- I enclose £40 as the initial deposit and undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.
- OR I enclose full payment of £335

I understand that the deposit is forwarded to the travel company and may not be refundable. 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

SignedFather/Mother/Legal Guardian Date.....