

October 23rd, 2018

Dear Parent(s),

RE: Year 8/9 visit to Loire Valley, June 2019

I am writing to offer your son an exciting opportunity to visit the Loire Valley area of France in July next year as part of his study of French. We shall travel by coach and ferry on Monday, 17th June 2019 and return on Friday 21st, staying for four nights in the Hotel du Futuroscope, near the theme park of the same name which has been created with education in mind. Accommodation will be on a full-board basis. Below is the proposed programme:

- Visit to Chateau of Clos Luce, which was also the official residence of Leonardo da Vinci. The castle includes a visit of the Leonardo da Vinci Park in which students will be able to discover a fun walk dotted with the extraordinary machines from Leonardo da Vinci's inventions.
- Visit to Chateau Chenonceau, one of the finest examples of Renaissance castles.
- Visit to Futuroscope (1 Day Ticket), a fantastic Science theme park with futuristic rides.
- Visit to Aquarium Val de Loire, a highly rated aquarium offering ten themed exhibition rooms with original and outstanding scenery, with 60 tanks and over 2 million litres of water.
- Tour of the Bigot Pâtissier Chocolatier: A 'gourmet' visit begins with the video presentation "In Search of Cocoa", followed by a demonstration of the techniques used to produce their special delicacies. The visit ends with a tasting session.

The cost of the tour is £612. This includes transport to and from our destination and during our stay, all meals (excluding when travelling on Days 1 and 5), all excursions and insurance. Please note that you are responsible for making sure that your son's passport is up-to-date and that he is in possession of a European Health Insurance Card. You should also be aware that at times during his stay your son will be allowed to spend time unsupervised, such as in the theme park. However, all pupils who choose to participate will be given rules and instructions put in place to ensure their safety as far as possible. Any pupil whose behaviour may pose a risk to either his own or others' safety during the next few months or who is unable to follow instructions or rules laid down by staff will be withdrawn from the trip.

I hope that your son takes advantage of the opportunity to practise his increasing French skills and discover new places. If he would like to take part, I ask that you fill in and return the reply slip below to me and place a deposit of £50 via Parent Pay by **Monday, 15th November**. The deposit (and subsequent instalments) are non-refundable should you choose to withdraw your son from the trip, unless a replacement pupil can be found. If you would like your son to participate but cannot pay the full deposit by this time, please telephone me on the school's number to discuss an alternative arrangement. Once all places have been allocated I shall be in touch with a payment plan. I have provisionally booked places for 40 pupils and these will be initially

allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. However, if the demand for places is greater I am confident that pupils can be accommodated.

Please note that these arrangements are provisional and are subject to governors' approval.

Yours sincerely,

Mr FJ Monier
Tour Organiser

Mrs J. Franklin
Head of French and Spanish

Please fill in and return to Mr Monier by Friday, Monday, 15th November, 2018

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Signed: Date: