

Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Stage 3 Educational Visit to France – May 2025

Following the success of this year’s visit to France, we are planning another visit for next year. To give us more time in France, we are planning a five-day visit with lots of exciting new excursions. The visit will take place from **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May 2025** and the programme is designed to give pupils a fantastic opportunity to experience the language, culture and history of the region.

Accommodation will be based at Ferme de Loterot, a family run site in the heart of Normandy, located in Cahagnes in Calvados, near Villers-Bocage. The accommodation is set in private grounds and children will be staying in en-suite dormitory blocks for groups of girls and boys. Private teachers’ accommodation is situated next to children’s dormitories for ease of supervision and security. This is the same accommodation as the 2024 visit. We were so impressed by the setting and the hospitality that we were keen to return. A variety of excursions around the local area have been planned, incorporating French culture and history, of course at all times encouraging lots of conversation in French. Pupils will also take part in fun evening entertainment and will be able to make the most of the on-site facilities.

The total cost of the visit is **£550**, which is fully inclusive of all transport, insurance, meals and accommodation, all excursions and visits whilst in France. The cost also includes a French visit hoodie, which not only helps us to keep a close eye on our pupils whilst travelling, but is also a lovely souvenir of the visit. There will be breakfast included on the outward ferry journey and an evening meal on the return.

In the first instance if you would like your child to participate in this visit, could you please complete the online ‘expression of interest’ form via the link below **by 12:00noon on Friday 19th April 2024**. We have been successful in provisionally booking 48 places for this visit, therefore if interest is high we will seek to allocate places by drawing names from a hat. I will then write to those of you whose child has been allocated a place, with further details of the itinerary and also dates for when payments will need to be made. If we are unable to offer your child a place, their name will be placed on a reserve list.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iTi3pnae2f>

Should your child be allocated a place on the visit, a **non-refundable deposit** of **£75** per pupil will be required **by Friday 26th April 2024** to secure the booking. The remaining cost of the visit is to be paid on a monthly basis. Following a £75 deposit, this works out at nine monthly payments of £50 and a final payment of £25 to be received by the last Friday of every month. Where the payment schedule is not adhered to, the school reserves the right to withdraw any pupil from this visit, unless exceptional circumstances have been communicated to us. The account must be settled in full by Friday 28th February 2025.

We are intending to use a group passport for this visit.

Pupils attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour is judged unacceptable may be excluded, or required to return home early and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of their parents.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for School Visits by visiting our website by copying and pasting the link below into your search engine: <https://www.ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk/parents---carers/terms-and-conditions-for-school-visits> By signing up to this visit, you are agreeing to the terms outlined.

Yours sincerely



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