

For those French language pupils currently in Year 10

February 2010



Dear Parents

We have taken our Year 11 GCSE students to the Château de la Baudouvière in Normandy for a number of years now. This has proved to be highly successful as the visit consists of a French immersion programme which is tailor-made to suite Year 11 requirements in readiness for their GCSE exams. All the Château staff are French speakers giving the pupils the focus of speaking French everywhere from the moment we arrive until we leave.

The planned programme includes informal interactive classroom sessions designed to keep the students motivated and interested in the language, outdoor activities encouraging them to work together both mentally and physically, as well as excursions to local towns and a full programme of evening events. Instructive and great fun too! The broad programme is shown overleaf.

We plan to leave Maidenhead on Sunday 17 October travelling by coach and ferry to Normandy and returning on Saturday 23 October. I will lead the party together with other members of the languages department.

The cost of the trip will be £450 inclusive of all travel, full board, programme of activities and insurance. To join this trip, please return the attached booking form together with your deposit cheque for £150 by Friday 26 February. Cheques should be made payable to "Claire's Court Schools Ltd" please.

This is not only an extremely constructive trip, but also a very enjoyable one as well as being good value, and I would encourage pupils to participate.

Yours sincerely

MRS M McKECHNIE
Head of MFL

NORMANDY TRIP 2010

BOOKING FORM

I would like my son / daughter to join the 'French Experience' to Normandy in October 2010.

I attach my deposit cheque for £150 and will make payments as shown below.

Deposit of £150 payable with this booking form.

Interim payment of £200 by Friday 4 June

Balance of £100 by Friday September 10

Cheques should be made payable to "Clares Court Schools Ltd" please.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PUPIL'S NAME _____

CLASS _____

DATE _____

Please return this form together with your cheque by Friday 26 February

PROPOSED FRENCH TRIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 17 October

Depart Claires Court by coach travelling to Caen via ferry from Portsmouth

Late evening Arrival at the Chateau and settling in

Monday 18 October

Morning Tour of the grounds and presentation of the programme
Sessions including:
Archery/French
Aeroball/Circus Activities

Tuesday 19 October

Morning Fencing/French/Archery
Afternoon Aeroball/Circus Activities/Bread making

Wednesday 20 October

Morning Visit to Market at St Hilaire
Afternoon Visit to Granville

Thursday 21 October

Morning Assault Course/Climbing
Afternoon Initiative Exercises
Evening Fancy dress evening

Friday 22 October

Morning Climbing/Assault Course
Afternoon Bread making/orienteering
Evening Talent Show

Saturday 23 October

Departure from Chateau for return journey via Caen and Portsmouth

This is a provisional programme and therefore subject to change.