



September 2024

## CHATEAU DE LA BAUDONNIERE Sunday 16th March 2025 –Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Modern Foreign Languages Department are running a residential trip for our current Year 7 students to the Chateau de la Baudonnière, in Normandy from Sunday 16th March 2025 – Friday 21st March 2025.

The Chateau is situated in Normandy, 90 minutes south of Cherbourg. Its grounds incorporate an orchard a farmyard, a lake and river, woodland and meadows. The accommodation is arranged in several small dormitories and the children eat good quality French meals in the dining room at the centre.

Our students will engage in a range of outdoor and indoor activities at the centre such as canoeing, orienteering, fencing, bread making and treasure hunting. There will also be French classroom activities and games and quizzes in the evenings, and a day out to Le Mont Saint-Michel.

We will be adding a presentation link for this trip to our school website on WATAPP. Additionally, you can find a library of photos from previous Wigston Academy trips on our school Facebook page under Normandy photos.

The Chateau is all about French language immersion. Everything that is done there involves using practical spoken French to convey meaning and the children are encouraged to speak French as much as possible. A friendly, French environment supports this philosophy. This, of course, provides an excellent opportunity for your child to practise hearing and speaking French.

Travel to the Chateau will be by coach from school to Portsmouth. We shall then take the ferry to Cherbourg (4-5 hour crossing) before travelling by coach to the Chateau in Normandy.

**Your child will require his/her own passport, GHIC card and a valid ETIAS visa** (if applicable at the time of travel). PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PASSPORT NEEDS TO BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS BEYOND THE DATE OF RETURN (21.03.2025)

**The cost for this trip will be £605** and this includes all travel, accommodation, meals at the centre and all activities, equipment and teaching materials. The price also includes the meals on the return journey.

All students have been told that good work and behaviour in school is necessary for them to be offered a place on this trip.

If you would like your child to be considered for this trip, please complete the attached slip and return to main reception by **Thursday 3rd October 2024** together with an initial **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit of **£100**.

**Deadline for reply and receipt of deposit is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

A further payment of **£300** will be due on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. However, spaces are limited and if the trip is oversubscribed we will operate a fair method of selection and refund the deposit to parents if their child has not been successful.

**When the trip has been confirmed, we will send out more information regarding the third payment (£205 due on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2025) along with a date for a parent information evening.**

Please note that all communication regarding the trip will be made via the WAT app.

All payments should be made online using SCOPAY – Trips & Events – Year 7 French Trip 2025. SCOPAY can be downloaded from either the App Store on Apple devices or Play Store on android devices. If you haven't set up a SCOPAY account please email [app@wigstonmat.org](mailto:app@wigstonmat.org) to request a link code.

Any pupil who receives pupil premium/free school meals is entitled to up to £100 extra funding for use solely on school visits each year. If your child is eligible and you would like to use this funding (or part thereof) to help cover the cost of this trip then please contact Miss P.Chapaneri [pchapaneri@wigstonmat.org](mailto:pchapaneri@wigstonmat.org). Please note that the pupil premium/free school meals funding can only be used towards the cost of the third payment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this trip.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Dubois  
MFL Teacher and Trip Leader



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## REPLY SLIP to School Reception

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Sunday 16th MARCH 2025 –Friday 21st March 2025

Name of child ..... Form .....

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I confirm that I have paid the £100 non-refundable deposit on SCOPAY (please tick the box)

Name (parent/carer): .....

Signed (parent/carer): .....

Date: .....