



6th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carer(s)

Re: Proposed trip to Normandy – OCTOBER 2023

The MFL department are launching a trip to Normandy for Year 8 students. These trips need arranging well in advance as the accommodation gets booked up quickly.

We are planning the 2023 trip to Normandy for the **current Year 7 students** with the travel firm Travelbound, who have been used by the school for European trips in the past. The plan is to run the trip from Sunday 15th October (12.30am departure from MBA) to Friday 20th October (5.30am return to MBA). This maximises the time available in France and minimises the travel to overnight periods of time, ensuring the best value for money.

We are going to travel by coach, using the ferry to cross from Portsmouth to Caen to Château du Molay, where I have stayed many times in the past. The places that will be visited include:

- D-Day Landing Beaches at Gold and Omaha Beaches.
- World War II British Commonwealth Cemetery at Bayeux.
- Arromanches 360 Cinema recounting D Day Landings.
- Bayeux Tapestry visit.
- Goats Cheese Farm – tasting and buying.
- Frogs legs & snails tasting at the Château.
- Pegasus Bridge visit recounting the important strategic contribution of the 6th Airborne Division to the D Day Landings.
- Hypermarket visit for shopping on the final day.

At this moment in time no firm booking has been made with the travel company as we need to gauge interest. **The cost of the trip will be in the region of £700 but will be NO HIGHER THAN £750.** This price is subject to change depending on student uptake. The price covers all travel, insurance, food, accommodation and excursion fees.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this educational activity, please complete and return the initial expression of interest slip attached and pay a deposit of £50 (**to cover the non-refundable deposit** we have to send to Travelbound). Our preferred method of payment is through ParentPay and this will be available immediately. If you have not registered for ParentPay please contact our finance team and they will assist 01524 410207 Ext 209 or 313. If you are unable to access this method of payment, cheques (made payable to 'Morecambe Bay Academy') or cash can be sent into school. Please ensure that your child's name / form is clearly marked on the payment.

Without sufficient deposits this trip may be cancelled if there is not enough interest. Please note, that in the event of the trip not going ahead due to insufficient uptake, all deposits will be returned.



The school reserves the right to decline applications in cases where students' behaviour at school so far this year has been unsatisfactory. Normal school rules will apply throughout the trip.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure a student has a valid passport for the trip dates and the passport must be:

- Issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

Refunds will not be made for invalid/late passports.

If for any reason a student cannot attend a trip or visit due to Covid-19, in order for our insurers to accept a claim, medical evidence which matches the trip dates is needed. A positive Covid-19 test still needs to be registered on the NHS website, *photographic evidence is NOT sufficient*, the records need to ensure illness dates are confirmed by the appropriate electronic documentary evidence.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and then a waiting list will be established to allow for students to join the trip if more places become available. Should finance be a barrier, please speak in confidence to Ms. Roberts Jones via the following email address: droberts-jones@morecambebayacademy.co.uk

If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the following email address patrick@morecambebayacademy.co.uk, but in the meantime please find out more about the Château du Molay @ <https://www.travelbound.co.uk/school-trips/chateau-du-molay/>

Yours sincerely,



Mr R. Patrick
Teacher of French and Trip Leader

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F.A.O. Mr Patrick - Normandy 2023

I am interested in my child..... (Name) in.....(Form)
taking part on the Normandy trip in October 2023 and have paid/enclosed my £50 deposit.

Signed.....(parental signature required)

Dated.....

Name of Parent/Carer.....