

Dear Parent/Carer,

24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

For the past 20 years or more we have taken pupils from Year 8 on a Language/Activity trip to France which has been a great success in the view of both pupils and staff. We now hope to take the present Year 7 when they get into Year 8. We also encourage some of our year 11 French language students to join us to enhance their linguistic skills.

This year we are returning to Château du Broutel which is located on the outskirts of the small town of Rue in the Somme region of Northern France. It is a converted Château, built in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century which has been modernised but still retains some of its historic charm. The Château provides accommodation in rooms catering for 5 – 8 pupils. There are a range of outdoor activities based on-site and places of local interest to visit. Evening activities will also be provided by the Château staff.

The timings as we know them at present are:

**Depart: Friday 9th February 2018 at approximately 06.00 am – return late on the evening of Monday 12th February 2018**


We will spend the Friday travelling by coach and Channel tunnel to the Château and will then, on arrival, sort out the accommodation and be provided with a hot evening meal, which is the first meal provided. There will be an evening activity. On the Saturday we will visit the local town of Rue, which is within walking distance and visit the market, local shops and local points of interest where pupils will carry out some language-based tasks to practise their French. In the afternoon we will do some of the outdoor adventure activities provided on-site by the Château (subject to weather and availability). After our evening meal there will be another activity provided. On Sunday we will take advantage of our proximity to the WW1 Battlefields to visit the underground museum at Albert which gives an insight to life in the trenches. We will also visit Newfoundland Park where troops from what is now part of Canada were entrenched and also the impressive Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. We would be happy, if any families have relatives killed at the Somme, to trace the graves of their relatives and pay our respects at the cemetery if they can be traced and are accessible. It will be particularly interesting to visit this area as 2018 marks the centenary of the end of WW1. Our final evening will be marked with a farewell activity and on the Monday we will start our journey home possibly visiting a chocolate factory and a hypermarket en-route. We will be travelling back via the Channel Tunnel and should arrive back sometime in the evening on Monday 12th February.

The cost of the visit will be £320 approximately, depending upon the number of participants and the final itinerary. This will cover transport to and from the centre, three night's accommodation and all food whilst there, instruction, entry fees and insurance. Parents will have to make provision for pupils to have food on the journey to the Centre and on the journey back. We have a packed lunch provided on our return journey but pupils will need money to purchase food at tea time on the return journey.

Clearly, staff on this trip will have responsibility for the safety and well-being of all pupils and other staff involved and we are lucky to have a very experienced team of staff going next year. We therefore reserve the right to refuse to take any pupil whose behaviour, in and around school, in the run up to this trip, is a cause for concern to staff or threatens the well-being of any participant. Pupil behaviour will be constantly reviewed right up to departure day. We expect exceptional behaviour from all of our pupils and all those selected to go on the trip will sign a behaviour contract that will remain in place in the run up to the trip.

In order to book the trip we need initial deposits of £150 per pupil (cheques only) made payable to **Hungerhill School** with the pupil's **FULL NAME, FORM GROUP** and **'Broutel 2018'** written on the back please. We are aiming for a group of 46 pupils and once we have a viable group we will confirm the booking with the company, finalise the cost and let



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you know. With the exception of redundancy or a serious medical condition, any deposits (including the required interim payments) paid to the company will be non-refundable. DISINCLINATION TO TRAVEL is not covered by the insurance and you will not be able to claim a refund and removal of a pupil due to behaviour issues will also result in a lost deposit. Details of the insurance cover will be made available on request. All pupils will need their own passport valid for the dates of travel and an EHIC health card.

Cheques for the deposit and the attached reply slip must be returned in a **NAMED ENVELOPE** to school on either **MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL** or **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL** before registration to Room 2– **DO NOT BRING CHEQUES BEFORE EASTER OR AT ANY OTHER DATES/ TIMES THAN THOSE STATED.**

We might have to operate a system whereby we select pupils on a first-come first-served basis and operate a waiting list. However, this will be subject to conditions as we will also be seeking the opinions of the French teachers as to pupils' attitude to learning in French and this may affect my decision in taking pupils. Also, we shall be asking Mr.Hickin, Head of Year 7, to vet our list before we finalise it to ensure we only take pupils who are willing to behave and be ambassadors for the school. The behaviour contract will be sent out once your place has been confirmed and it must be returned signed. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that pupils can go with their best friends and bringing a deposit does not guarantee a place. If your child is unsuccessful in securing a place your deposit will be returned. Pupils must hand their envelopes directly to Mme Magniez in room 2 in the morning and not leave them unattended or in their bags.


**If you feel you may not be able to support your child's participation in this trip for financial reasons, please make an appointment to see the Headteacher or in her absence a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss this.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs S Bamford and Mme A Magniez**



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## REPLY SLIP: To Mme Magniez, Room 2 (24- 25 April, AM) , Hungerhill School

I/ we\* would like my child to be considered for a place on the trip to Le Chateau du Broutel, France from Friday 9th February to Monday 12th February 2018.

I/ we\* enclose the £150 initial deposit. I accept that paid deposits are non-refundable except in special circumstances.

I/ we\* acknowledge the need for pupils to behave responsibly in and around school up to and including the trip and understand the consequences if they do not do so.

PUPIL'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FORM GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_



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