

# Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

Acting Principal: Mr D. Rainey B.Ed (Hons)



20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **Re: 1st Year Trip to Normandy, France - Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2019**

I am delighted to confirm that the French department of the Languages Faculty is once again to organise a trip to Normandy, France exclusively for the 1st Year. I hope that your son will be able to take advantage of this great opportunity to visit France with his fellow 1<sup>st</sup> Year Ambrosians. **PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR SON WILL NEED TO HAVE HIS OWN PASSPORT WHICH IS IN DATE.**

For the duration of the trip the boys and staff will be staying at "Le Senequet" holiday village in Blainville-sur-mer which offers a good standard of accommodation and is well situated for our excursions across Normandy. This is a centre which we have used for many years and is a safe and secure environment for our boys.

During our stay, we plan to visit the Bayeux Tapestry, the Memorial War Museum in Caen as well as the famous Mont St Michel on the Normandy/Brittany border. Visits to other places of interest will be arranged, time permitting. The boys will also be given time to enjoy the facilities at the holiday centre and of course, to practise any French they already know. The trip is a wonderful opportunity to introduce the boys to France, its language and its culture.

Boys will be required to complete a project of the trip and following the trip, we shall organise a Cheese and Wine evening at the College for the parents and boys (soft drinks for the boys!) during which we will hope to show a DVD of the trip and prizes will be awarded to boys for the best projects.

The trip will leave late on Sunday night 30<sup>th</sup> June (around 11.30pm) and will return to school in the early hours of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The cost of the trip will be £411 (£89 deposit plus 3 x £80 instalments and a final instalment of £82) and will include the following:-

- Return journey by coach and ferry.
- Full board accommodation (i.e. Continental breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal) in rooms with private facilities.
- Entrance fees for all visits.
- A baseball cap embroidered with the name of the College and Normandy. (This will assist with identifying the boys when we are away and afterwards will be a souvenir of the visit!)
- **70 Euros spending money for the boys whilst in France**
- Travel insurance under the St Ambrose College Trips Insurance Policy. Please note, however, that each boy will also need a valid EHIC card.

If you would like your son to go on the trip, then please complete and return the attached reply slip to me via the school office together with the Indemnity form. To secure a place on the trip, you will need to ensure that the £89 deposit has been paid online via your ParentMail account **by Friday 5th October**. The balance can thereafter be paid via ParentMail in three instalments of £80 and a final instalment of £82 on the following dates: **5th November 2018, 5th December 2018, 5th February 2019** and **5th March 2019**. ParentMail will remind you to pay the instalment at the required time and we would ask that you use a debit visa card, not credit card when making payments.

Yours faithfully

**Mr M Toal**

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