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11 September 2019

## French and History trip to France (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019) - Final details

Dear parent/guardian,

Please find below a list of information which should answer any query you may have regarding the trip. Please do not hesitate to contact me ([fvie@pitsfordschool.com](mailto:fvie@pitsfordschool.com)) if you have any questions.

•**Passports and EHIC cards** - They will need to be handed in to Mr Vié by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the very latest.

If your child does not have one, please use the following link

[www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do](http://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do) The EHIC card is normally delivered within 7 days.

•**Accommodation** - Hôtel du Moulin aux Draps, Rue de Cremarest, 62240 Desvres, Tel: 0033 3 21 10 69 59. [http://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/le\\_moulin\\_pageflip2/index.html](http://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/le_moulin_pageflip2/index.html)

•**Forms** - The code of conduct and the personal details forms (in case you have not returned these before the end of last term) have to be returned ASAP as I urgently need any missing passport numbers and dietary requirements.

•**Clothing** - Although October is usually warmer in France than in England, it is advisable to bring appropriate clothing. The northern region of France's climate is very similar to that in the South of England and it is therefore common to have rain at this time of year. Bearing in mind that we will be visiting some of WWI's battlefields, it may be wise to bring appropriate footwear. Trainers would be fine; flip flops would not.

•**Bags** - No need to bring a large suitcase, we are only going for 4 days. It could also be a good idea to bring a small rucksack to carry packed lunches around when we are visiting various places.

•**Money** - Please do not forget to order Euros in advance. Pupils are advised to take between 50-60 Euros and will be responsible for their own money. The amount you are giving them is at your discretion.

•**Mobile phones** - If your child is taking a mobile phone with him/her, please be aware that they are expected to use their phone sensibly. Things such as taking pictures of others without their consent and posting them on social media will be unacceptable. Mobile phones will be collected by a member of staff at bed time. If a pupil decides to misuse their mobile phone whilst on the trip, he/she will face disciplinary sanctions once we are back to school.

•**Rooms** - Pupils will be given a form this week which they must return by Monday 23 September. They have to include the names of up to 3 people they would like to share a room with. Rooms will be allocated by the end of the following week, and should include at least 1 of their choices.

•**Towels** – Pupils must bring towels with them as these are not provided by the hotel.

•**Emergency number** (Mr Vié) - 07712406963

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•Please remind the pupils not to buy items such as laser pens, knives, BB guns, replica guns...etc while in France, as these would create problems when re-entering the UK and will therefore be disposed of before reaching border control.

## French and History trip - Final itinerary

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October: 8.00 Depart School and travel by coach to Folkestone.  
12:50 Channel Tunnel departs Folkestone.  
15:30 Natur'Pom. <http://www.naturpom.com/>  
This visit lasts for 1h30 and includes a tasting and a small gift.  
18:00 Arrive at accommodation and check-in.  
18:30 Evening meal at the Moulin.
- Tuesday 8th October: 08:00 Breakfast and collect packed lunches.  
08:30 Depart for Vimy Ridge  
10:00 Vimy Ridge  
This visit includes the Vimy Monument, front-line trenches and cemetery. Please be prepared for uneven terrain, enclosed spaces and a descent of 10 meters underground.  
12.30 Arras memorial and cemetery  
Etched into the walls of the Arras Memorial are the names of almost 35,000 Commonwealth servicemen from the UK, South Africa and New Zealand, who were killed in Arras during the spring of 1916-17.  
16.00 Wellington Quarry  
The Carrière Wellington is a museum in Arras, northern France.  
It is named after a former underground quarry which was part of a network of tunnels used by British forces in the First World War.  
18:30 Evening meal at the Moulin.
- Wednesday 9th October: 08:00 Breakfast  
09:00 French school visit  
College de L'Europe  
251 avenue Charles de Gaulle, 62610 Ardres, Tel +0033 3 21 35  
14:00 Nausicaa Sealife Centre. [www.nausicaa.fr](http://www.nausicaa.fr)  
18:30 Evening meal at the Moulin.
- Thursday 10th October: 08:00 Breakfast  
09:30 Boulangerie Le Fournil  
Croissant demonstration including a croissant and pain au chocolat to take away at the end of the visit.  
11.30 Le Touquet - Visit market and town  
15.15 Visit Boulogne old town  
18:30 Evening meal at the Moulin.
- Friday 11th October 2017: 08:00 Breakfast, pack and check out. Collect packed lunches.  
09:30 Depart for Calais.  
10:50 Arrive at the Tunnel terminal and check in.  
11:50 Depart for Folkestone.  
11:25 Arrive at Folkestone.  
15:00 Arrival at school.

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