



## Year 6 Humanities Trip March 2018

I am writing to inform you about next year's annual Year 6 Residential trip to Normandy, which will take place between Sunday 11th March 2018 and Friday 16th March 2018 - the penultimate week of the spring term. Essentially the trip comprises a study of D Day and the subsequent battle of Normandy as well as celebrating the glorious medieval connection between Normandy and England in the form of William the Conqueror, castles, cathedrals, churches and, of course, the world famous Bayeux Tapestry.

In addition to this, there are a number of more relaxed activities planned such as flight simulators, ten-pin bowling, visits to markets, games on the beach, crêpe tasting, quizzes, Dutch auction etc, in order to create a balanced programme for the week, enabling the pupils to embrace different aspects of Normandy's culture. The intention is to view the rich tapestry of history, not just from a British perspective, but to consider it from French, American, Canadian and German viewpoints as well. Equally, we will examine the various events and stories from the perspectives of individual characters, both the famous and the less well known.

Moreover, the trip forms an equally important function, that of providing an excellent opportunity for the children to take further, vital steps towards growing up, taking care of themselves, living alongside others, making decisions and generally becoming more physically, organisationally and emotionally independent.





Various pictures from our last visit: emerging from a landing craft at Utah Beach, a museum, the flight simulator, indoor-disco bowling, at the market.

Accommodation will be in the elegant eighteenth-century Château du Baffy where we have successfully stayed before. It has recently been refurbished and specifically caters for school trips. It has a wonderful range of facilities and is set in its own private parkland north of Bayeux.



In terms of the cost; by looking to book in advance, I have been able to secure a discount per child meaning that the cost per pupil will be about £475 (roughly the same cost as the 2016 and 2017 trips). The cost is all-inclusive covering transport, accommodation, food and drink, museum entrances, guides, entertainments etc.

The trip is not compulsory but in virtually every year there has been full attendance from Year 6 pupils. In order to secure this favourable price structure I would be very grateful if you would consider the information above, discuss it with your child and return the slip below to the Front Office by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the latest**, indicating whether or not you would like your child to join the trip.

If you wish your child to join the trip, a deposit of £100 will need to be paid directly to the School Finance Department by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Cheques may be dropped off at the Front Office - please **do not** send any cheques directly to me. Payments can be made by the following methods:

**Cheque payment:** made payable to *Town Close House Ed. Trust Ltd*

**Bank Transfer:** A/c no: 22091003 Sort Code: 40-51-62

**Card Payment:** Via 'Parent Login' on the School's website  
(please note that a 2.25% charge is applicable for credit card payments)

**NOTE:** Please quote Humanities Trip 2018 and child's surname as payment reference.

Should you have any questions, please feel very welcome to contact me at School.

Yours sincerely



Richard Kendrick



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Please return this reply slip to the Front Office no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Child's Name: .....Class:.....

I would / would not\* like my child to join the 2018 Humanities Trip to France and I enclose the deposit of £100, which I have paid using the following method:

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Signed: .....Date:.....

Print name:.....

\*please delete as appropriate