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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Introductory Visit to France Friday 29th June - Monday 2nd July 2018

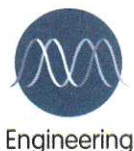
We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for girls in Year 7 to take part in an introductory visit to France. We are planning to go to the Opal Coast area in North-West France. We will be staying in the Hippotel in Le Touquet. It's the perfect location to see most of the area and is a lovely town on the French coast.

The benefits of such a trip from an educational point of view are many; linguistically it is an opportunity for our pupils to practise the language learned in the classroom which will help with fluency and confidence. For pupils in 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6, the trip will provide an introduction to the French language before they start learning French next year, and language activities undertaken on the trip will be differentiated accordingly. There is also a comprehensive programme of activities designed to enhance cultural awareness and familiarity with France and the French way of life. We intend to visit several of the area's main attractions as well as spend time completing language activities to enhance confidence and the language learning experience.

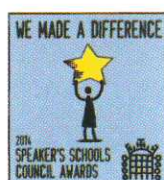
There will be lots of well planned activities including sightseeing, a visit to a theme park, a market trip, a sweet factory, a snail farm, a sea life centre, an indoor water park, a French bakery where students will learn how to make their own croissants, Etaples Military Cemetery and La Coupole which is a World War 2 rocket launch site. All students will be expected to complete some language tasks throughout the trip and will be requested to complete worksheets of their visit.

The trip will depart on the morning of Friday 29th June and return on the evening of Monday 2nd July 2017. The cost of the trip is **£342.00** which includes all food, accommodation, excursions, insurance and travel. We will be travelling by coach and Eurotunnel. I hope that your daughter will be keen to participate in the trip.

We have been able to increase the numbers of students attending this trip from previous years, however, **the places are limited to a maximum of 74 students** and these will be allocated on a **'first come first served'** basis. This trip is always over-subscribed and we apologise in advance for any disappointment caused in not obtaining a place. We will keep a waiting list for those who miss out.



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To secure a place, the payment of your **non-refundable deposit of £100.00** is required immediately ParentPay becomes 'live' and must be made using ParentPay as this gives an accurate recording of the date and time of payment. **To make this as fair as we can and to give all parents time to read this letter ParentPay will not go 'live' for this payment until 1pm on Thursday 7th December 2017.**

Please note that if your daughter should withdraw from the trip at such a time that does not allow us to find a replacement, the deposit will not be refunded.

Once your daughter has committed to the trip **you will be expected to pay any costs incurred by the school should she wish to withdraw from the trip at a later date and you will be bound by the travel company's cancellation policy.**

The final balance of £242.00 will be required by **1st March 2018** and can be paid in monthly instalments.

All students will be required to travel on their own passports, which must be in date for the duration of the trip. Your daughter will be required to hand in her passport to the school office for safe keeping in advance of the trip. If your daughter holds a non-EU passport we will require a photocopy once she has been confirmed as taking part in the trip as we will need to arrange for the necessary visa.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Piper
Head of Modern Foreign Languages