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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 trip to Normandy – July 2018

I would like to invite you to a meeting for the information about the Normandy trip taking place during the final week of the summer term. This will take place in the main hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th June. I will go through the final details of the trip and answer any questions you may have. Please read all the information carefully about what to bring on the night and also for the trip.

The coaches will depart from the Ashbourne Bus Station off Dig Street (NOT the QEGS site) at 10.00pm on Sunday 14th July. Please ensure that you arrive by 9.30pm, in order to allow for registration and other arrangements before we board the coach.

Our ferry is booked with P&O from Dover to Calais on Monday 16th July at 6.40am. Once in France, we will stop for breakfast. Please ensure that your child is provided with a packed lunch and enough snacks and/or money to buy food at the motorway rest area. The first meal included on the trip will be served on Monday evening at 6.30pm.

We will be staying at:

Le Senequet Centre Village de Vacance le Senequet, 50560, Blainville, Normandy, France (Tel. 0033233472311)

Board Basis: Full Board

Your child will be allocated to a group for supervision. Each group will be in groups of 8 or 9 with a member of staff. This will be for taking registers and to monitor students during the trip.

What is Needed:

For the Journey

As we are travelling through the night, a small pillow and blanket would also be useful. A packed lunch and snacks are needed to last through to 7.00pm on Monday. Please, NO fizzy drinks to be taken on the coach.

If your child suffers from travel sickness and takes tablets, please let us know when we depart for the journey.

Students may bring mobile phone/iPod/MP3 player/camera and it is their responsibility to look after any such items; music should be for their hearing only. Films may be brought for the coach journey but these need to be age appropriate for Year 7.

IMPORTANT: Mobile phones will be handed to staff at Dover and put in the safe on our arrival at the hotel. Your child will not contact you by phone once in France. We will set up a twitter account to keep you informed of what we have been doing each day and to reassure you all is well.

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Clothing

We recommend that your child has comfortable shoes and clothes for the trip, as well as a waterproof coat. Students are to travel with their QEGS hoody either on, or with them, in the coach. They will be expected to wear their hoody on the ferry. Please make sure you include warm clothes (a jumper/sweatshirt), as well as sun cream (we can never be sure of the weather!) and a travel adaptor plug (1 per room) is also useful.

Please note that the hotel does not provide towels or toiletries.

Passport/EHIC Card

These MUST be given by hand to Mr Flynn in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front by Friday 5th July at the latest. It would be best if these could be brought to the meeting and then stored in the safe until the trip.

Money

Any travel money should be split into Euros (most of it) and pounds for the journey there and back. We recommend a maximum of 50 Euros and £10.00 for each journey. Students MUST hand all money directly to Mr Flynn or Mrs Starkie in room 325 or 509, by Friday 5th July at the latest with their passport and EHIC card (if not already brought to the meeting). Please place your child's money in a sealed envelope with their name, form and the amount clearly marked on the front. Money will be given to the students on a daily basis after breakfast.

Medication

If your child is on any medication, this should be handed to staff in a clearly labelled box/envelope.

Emergency Contacts

If you should need to contact us whilst we are away, please contact QEGS first (01335 343685), or out of hours on 07791 621927, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. THESE NUMBERS SHOULD ONLY BE CALLED IN AN ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY AND AT NO TIME SHOULD OUR CENTRE IN FRANCE BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY.

Your child will have handed in their passport before we travel and staff will look after it throughout the visit. All students will be issued with a carte d'identité (an identity card with their photo on), which they should carry with them at all times, as required by French law.

We will phone and send a group text once we have returned to England to confirm our arrival time back in Ashbourne. Passports, EHIC cards and mobile phones will be returned once we are back in England and before the students leave their coach. Please note that all information regarding contact details and medical requirements will be destroyed following the trip.

If you wish to clarify any details or raise any issues before we travel, please do not hesitate to contact me on the main academy telephone number and extension number 1235, or via email flynn@qegs.email.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Flynn
History and Year 7 Progress Leader