



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that we have organised a six day residential visit to France in March next year for the Year 7 & 8 age group. We have run this highly successful trip every two years since 2008 and the feedback from pupils has always been excellent.

We will leave school by coach early on Saturday 24th March, and return on the evening of Thursday 29th March. We shall be staying at a purpose built language centre in Méluzien in the Burgundy region of France, called Maison Claire Fontaine. Whilst at the centre, the pupils will benefit from daily French lessons delivered by the on-site teachers, followed by a range of activities all conducted in French, led by qualified native speakers. This total language immersion will be invaluable in increasing the boys' confidence and understanding in French and their motivation and enthusiasm for language learning. The programme is likely to include the following experiences:

- French language lessons every morning
- Archery
- High ropes adventure (similar to Go Ape)
- Circus skills activities in a big top!
- Mosaic making
- Cookery class
- Shopping at the local market
- Visit to the historic town of Vézelay
- Restaurant evening
- Evening entertainment

For further information, photos of the centre and testimonials from previous visitors, you may like to visit the website www.maisonclairefontaine.com.

The cost of the trip will be £550, and this includes travel, accommodation, language lessons, visits, activities and all meals. If you would like your son to join what is sure to be a worthwhile and enjoyable trip, please complete this [form](#) and send in to school / transfer by BACS payment a deposit of £150, by Wednesday 4th October. Cheques should be made payable to **Bedford School Trust Central Bank**. BACS payments should be paid into our trip account (Bedford School Trust Central Bank, account no **22046229**, sort code **40-10-02** with the reference PS France).

Yours faithfully

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