

June 2017

**Re: School trip to St. Omer, France**

Dear Parents,

Your son has expressed an interest in joining the French Department Trip to St. Omer from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. This is a residential trip and boys will be travelling by coach and Channel Tunnel to St. Omer.

An essential part of learning a language is also having the opportunity to explore the culture. This trip will offer your son the opportunity to explore the French culture as well as to develop his language skills. We will be staying at Château Ebbinghem, which is offering full-board accommodation. During the trip we hope to explore the Christmas Market in Lille, spend half a day in Boulogne and visit a WW2 museum. As well as these day trips, we will also be taking part in a crêpe making activity and enjoying a 3 course meal at a local French restaurant.

The trip will cost approximately £355. The package will include travel, full board accommodation, insurance and admission to all activities and visits. In addition, boys will need to take enough pocket money to purchase food and drinks whilst travelling and for souvenirs, if they wish to purchase these. The party will be supervised by at least three members of staff and for the trip to be viable we need a minimum of 32 students.

Students will need to have a valid passport and a European Health Insurance Card (obtainable from <https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do>). Where applicable, please ensure that a valid visa is in place for a visit to France. EU Passport holders do not need a visa.

I would be grateful if a deposit of £100 could be received **by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. The balance (£255) will then be payable by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Cheques should be made payable to Bedford School Trust Central bank and sent to me at the school.

I look forward to writing to you again with the exact itinerary, details of the transport and the accommodation.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms Jessica Starkey**  
German and French Teacher

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Please return this slip together with medical form, and a deposit cheque for £100 payable to Bedford School Trust Central bank by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017** to Ms Starkey. Please feel free to pay by BACS, but do include your son's name and the name of the trip in the reference.

BANK: HSBC  
ACCOUNT NAME: BST Central Bank  
ACCOUNT NO: 22046229  
SORT CODE: 40-10-02  
IBAN: GB67MIDL40100222046229  
BIC: MIDLGB210H

Your son's name: .....

Form : .....

I would like my son to take part in the trip to St. Omer from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my son has a valid passport, visa and EHIC.

I enclose a £100 deposit cheque and agree to pay the rest by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as outlined above. I confirm that my son will behave in accordance with the accepted norms of behaviour for Bedford school and any special code of conduct applicable to this trip. I understand that poor conduct will result in my son being returned to school at my cost.

Signed: .....