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THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

09 July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Cross-Curricular Trip to Normandy: Wednesday 21 July – Monday 26 July 2027

We are delighted to offer students who will be in Years 7 and 8 next year the opportunity to take part in an exciting educational visit to Normandy, France.

This trip has been designed to support learning across a range of subjects, including History, Science, Geography and French, while also giving students the opportunity to develop independence, confidence and cultural awareness.

Students will travel by overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen. During our stay in Normandy, we will enjoy a packed programme of educational visits and activities, including:

- Exploring the events of 5 and 6 June 1944, considering how scientific innovation, careful planning and extraordinary courage contributed to the success of the D-Day landings.
- Visiting Mont Saint-Michel, one of France's most iconic landmarks, and a remarkable example of medieval architecture and engineering.
- Practising French in real-life situations, including opportunities to use the language in the markets and shops of Bayeux.
- Learning about traditional French bread and cheese production.
- Taking part in a thrilling luge experience.
- Exploring the culture, history and landscapes of Normandy.

Whilst in France, we will stay at Château du Molay, a well-established centre specifically designed to accommodate school groups. The centre provides comfortable accommodation, excellent facilities and a safe environment for students throughout their stay.

This residential trip is considered an **optional extra** as it takes place mostly outside of school hours. In line with the school's charging policy, the full cost of the trip, which is £600.00 per student, may be charged. This includes:

- Return ferry travel and coach transport
- Accommodation
- All entrance fees and activity costs
- Breakfast and evening meals (lunches are not included)
- Travel insurance

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Teachers accompanying residential visits carry significant responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of the students in their care. We therefore reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place from any student whose behaviour in school has been, or becomes, a cause for concern.

To apply for a place for your child on this trip, please complete the [Normandy Registration Google Form](#) and pay a deposit of £200.00 via Scopay (if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, the deposit will be refunded). The registration form and deposit must be completed **by the end of the day on Friday 4 September 2026**.

If your child is successful in gaining a place on this residential visit, we will inform you by email after the deadline for deposits. Should the trip not run due to insufficient interest, you will, of course, receive a full refund. Additional payments of £200.00 will be required by Friday 27 November 2026, and Wednesday 31 March 2027.

Should your child secure a place, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make the necessary visa arrangements for entry to the country(s) we are visiting and/or travelling through. The school and/or tour company may be able to signpost you to supporting documents when applying in advance for visas. Please be aware that the insurance policy does not cover any circumstance where the necessary visa has not been obtained in time for the trip departure. As such, your cooperation in organising the necessary documentation in a timely manner is appreciated. Please check the travel requirements on the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>.

Having secured a place, should you wish to cancel your child's place, the school will try to fill the place from any waiting list. If this is not possible, the deposit will be lost and further cancellation charges made by the travel company will be incurred. These will vary according to the notice given.

You may, of course, make a claim on the insurance purchased as part of this trip, if your cancellation comes within the terms of the policy. Please bear in mind that the itinerary may have to change due to conditions or circumstances beyond the school's control.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me via info@mountbatten.school

Yours sincerely

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