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06 May 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

The date for the trip to Boulogne is approaching fast and it is time to give you the final information.

The final payment was due on the **25th April 2025**. Could I please remind everyone to apply for their GHIC cards to ensure that your child is eligible for healthcare whilst abroad, students will not be allowed to travel unless they have the card with them.

We would also like to formally invite all parents to attend a trip meeting on **Thursday 12th June 17:00-17:30** where we will outline the itinerary for the trip, as well as allowing time for any queries that you may have yourselves.

Students will all be given the choice for who they would prefer to share a room with. They will have received a link to a form, where they can choose up to 3 choices. They are normally rooms of 2 so we will try our best to make sure that each student gets one of their choices, although please note that this is not always guaranteed. Rooms will be confirmed at the trip meeting.

At the meeting, I will also need to collect all the **passports** (it is only for the students who are taking their own passports, those of you who are on the school collective passport, do not worry) **and health insurance cards**. If however you cannot make the meeting, then please hand them in at reception. They will be kept in a safe until the day before the trip. This needs to be done by **Monday 16th June** at the latest.

We will be leaving Bushfield at 03:30 am on Thursday 26th June from the back of the sports centre. Please be there for 3:15 am at the latest. **We will not be able to wait for anybody after 3:30 am**. We are expected back at Bushfield at about **23:30 pm**.

We acknowledge the fact that many children will carry their own mobile phone with them and that, should we be delayed, they will be able to inform you directly. However, if your child does not have a mobile phone, one of his/her friends or myself will keep you informed.

Currency: The students might want to buy some souvenirs in the shops. The currency in France is the Euro. You can change Pounds into Euros at various places in Peterborough, the post office provides a free exchange service. It is best for currency to be exchanged **before** the trip.

Clothing: The students need to wear comfortable clothes: trainers, jeans or trousers and a t-shirt will be ideal. Whilst we plan to visit the beach, swimsuits will not be required. Don't forget that we will be outdoors and indoors so remember to make sure they take a waterproof and something warm like a jumper or hoodie and jacket in case of bad weather. Hopefully it will be sunny and warm, so sun cream might be a good idea as well! Adaptor plugs and chargers will also be required for mobile phones/electronic devices. It is also advised that parents note that there may be roaming charges applicable. A pen or pencil will also be needed to complete some of the activities.

Important: No mini-skirts, no high heels, crop-tops or rude T-shirts please! Those are inappropriate to wear. Any students wearing any of the above will not be allowed on the coach.

Any valuables the students choose to take with them on the trip will be entirely at their own risk and the school will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Food: Please provide a packed lunch with water/juice (no fizzy drinks) for your child and something for breakfast as we are leaving so early (lunch vouchers will be provided on the ferry). Both dinner and breakfast will be provided by the hotel however please note that students will need money to buy lunch on Friday and we will again have dinner vouchers for the ferry crossing back. (Allow about 12 Euros/£10 per meal). Finally, please advise your child not to bring too many sweets as these are the most common cause of being sick on the coach! (from experience, not a pleasant thing to be cleaning up at 4am!)

If you have any questions or concerns about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at sean.berry@bushfield.co.uk or by telephoning the Academy.

Please see the final page of this letter for a trip checklist.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Berry
Teacher of MFL

Checklist for the overnight trip to France

Essential:

- Passport (School must receive by Monday 19th June)
- GHIC Card ((School must receive by Monday 19th June)
- Breakfast for the coach as it will be an early start
- Water
- Reusable water bottle
- Packed lunch for day 1
- Lunch and dinner money for day 2
- Pocket money for souvenirs if wanted
- Mobile phone (+ headphones)
- Phone charger with UK→EU adapter plug
- Personal medication – (labelled, named and handed to First Aider)
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, wash kit, deodorant
- Sun lotion (SPF30 or SPF50)
- Pen/Pencil

Clothes:

- T-shirts
- Jeans / Joggers
- Shorts
- Jumper/Hoody
- Socks
- Pants
- Pyjamas
- Trainers
- Flip-flops (for showers)