

October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 7 French Trip to Le Pré Catelan, near Calais, 19th – 22nd June 2020

I am proposing to take a group of 44 current Year 7 students on a trip to Le Pré Catelan in France in June 2020. The purpose is to improve pupils' knowledge and use of the French language in a variety of real situations, to broaden their cultural horizons, and to foster a love of France. The proposed trip details are as follows (these may be subject to change):

Day 1	Friday 19 th June. Departure from Holt School by executive coach. Ferry crossing with the coach and travel to Nausicaa, the famous Sealife Centre in Boulogne, then onward travel by coach to le Pré Catelan, one hour approx. from Calais. Following arrival at the centre at 16.30, and dinner at 18.00 there will be a PGL organized evening activity.
Day 2	Saturday 20 th June. The morning will be spent attending the French Language Detective session 'Préparez à manger' followed by a visit to Le Touquet market, accompanied by Holt staff and PGL representatives. The afternoon will be spent completing an on-site PGL center activity e.g. Campcraft or Challenge course.
Day 3	Sunday 21 st June. The morning will be spent completing an on-site PGL centre activity e.g. Campcraft or Challenge course followed in the afternoon by a visit to the local village Hardelet to complete the Town Trail. The evening will be busy with a disco at the PGL centre.
Day 4	Monday 22 nd June. Departure by executive coach for The Holt School. Stop on the coast for shopping and sightseeing. Arrival at The Holt School in the evening (exact time will be confirmed before departure)

The trip will cost £410 per student which includes all travel arrangements, excursions and full board at the PGL centre, Le Pré Catelan in Hardelet near Calais, and the instalment payment dates are as follows:

- Deposit of £100 by **Wednesday 23rd October** at the latest. If the trip is over-subscribed a ballot will be held as soon as possible after this date to allocate places and a waiting list opened. If your daughter is not successful your deposit will be returned to you.
- If your daughter is allocated a place and subsequently withdraws, any costs already incurred will be deducted from your deposit before it is refunded. In these circumstances, we will seek to replace your daughter with someone from the waiting list in order to minimise the cost to you.
- Second payment of £100 by 17th January 2020
- Third payment of £100 by 14th February 2020
- Balance of £110 by 13th March 2020

If you would like your daughter to go on this trip, then please **pay the deposit of £100 and fill in the online consent survey (link is in WisePay)** by **Wednesday 23rd October**. Payment and consent for the trip needs to be made by WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

For the safety and wellbeing of all participants, it is important that students behave responsibly throughout the course of the trip. If at any time prior to the trip the party leader has reason to believe that a pupil may not behave in an acceptable manner on the trip, this will be brought to her parents' attention.

In case of severe financial hardship, please contact Mrs Martin, Assistant Headteacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

B. Howgill

Miss B Howgill
Teacher of French and Trip Leader