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## To all Year 9 students taking History at GCSE from September 2019

Ref: BLE/JLJ/Normandy2020  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 10 GCSE History Fieldwork Trip to Normandy, France 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

I write to advise you of a GCSE History residential fieldtrip to Normandy, France, which will be taking place over four days, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (inclusive), when students are reaching the end of Year 10.

For their History GCE students must undertake a depth study on The Normans (25% of their GCSE). This includes:

- the arrival of the Normans and the establishment of their rule
- major aspects of Norman rule, considered from economic, religious, political, social and cultural standpoints of this period,
- arising contemporary and historical controversies.

We are offering this History field trip as an opportunity for students to see for themselves what they have been learning about.

Students will also study aspects of 20<sup>th</sup> century History for other GCSE modules, and we will therefore also take this opportunity to visit some of the historical sites associated with the Normandy landings by the Allies in World War 2, when nearly half a million Allied troops fought to regain a foothold on the shores of occupied France

Normandy is in the northwest of France. Students will have a wide range of experiences, not just educational, but also for cultural and social gain, learning to work and live together over an extended period of time.

Our trip will include visits to the following:

- Falaise Castle - This spectacular castle is the ancestral seat of the Dukes of Normandy and the birthplace of William the Conqueror.
- The Bayeux Tapestry - The famous medieval tapestry tells the story of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.
- Caen, with one of the largest medieval fortresses
- Pegasus Bridge
- American Airborne Museum, St Mere Eglise
- Pointe Du Hoc battleground
- Omaha Beach
- American Cemetery at Colleville

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In order to balance this, there will be a wide variety of leisure and fun activities too. An appropriate amount of time for social and leisure activities, as with the Year 9 Belgium Battlefields trip, is an important element of a good fieldtrip. A wide range of sports and leisure activities are therefore offered, including:

- Beach volleyball
- Beach rounders
- Beach soccer
- Tennis
- Table tennis
- Crazy golf
- Disco.

The hotel grounds include a wonderful, private and secure sandy beach. We have stayed at this hotel many times previously.

The cost of this trip will be **£370** per student. This price includes travel, hotel accommodation & half board, insurance and all admission fees.

No student will be excluded from the trip on the grounds of cost alone and parents who would like their child to take part but who are experiencing financial difficulties at the present time should contact the school office. However, acceptance of payment does not guarantee a place on the visit and we reserve the right to refuse a particular student a place on the grounds of their current poor behaviour or attitude. Students who are withdrawn from the trip as a result of poor behaviour may not be able to have their payment refunded.

In the event that this trip is over-subscribed, there will be a ballot for places, and a reserve list kept.

The payment schedule for this trip has been outlined below.

Payment date	Amount due
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (deposit)	£70
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	£60
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	£60
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	£60
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	£60
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 (final payment deadline)	£60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£370</b>

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Each student will require a valid passport for the dates of travel and a European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]. Please note EHICS have an expiry date embossed on them. Please check the EHIC will be valid until December 2020, if not please renew immediately.

With the current uncertainty regarding Brexit, we can only offer this advice from our agents and from the government:

*“Everyone travelling will require at least six months validity on their passport from the date of travel. Any extra months previously added to a passport will not count. Therefore, the expiry will now be 10 years or 5 years (in the case of child passports) from the date of issue regardless if extra months were added. Please see the following link:*

*<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit> “*

I very much hope that your child will be able to take part in this excellent opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further queries

The School may wish to take photographs of this event for use in publications such as our newsletters or prospectus, and we would be grateful if you would give your permission for this. If you are not happy to give permission, please cross out the relevant statement on the reply slip.

For the purpose of administering any necessary paperwork with the Immigration authorities please can you indicate your child’s Nationality according to the Passport they will have at the time of this trip.

Yours sincerely

**Bill Lawrance**

Trip Leader

Subject Leader in History

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Reply Slip: Please return to the Student Services by 3.15pm, **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## YEAR 10 GCSE HISTORY FIELD TRIP TO NORMANDY, 13 – 16 July (inclusive) 2020

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tutor group:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to apply for a place for my child on the above trip.

I understand that the completion of this form does NOT guarantee my child a place.

If my child is successful, I agree to pay £70 by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

If my child is successful, I agree to pay £370.00 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

I confirm that I will make suitable transport arrangements for my child to and from **The Philip Morant School** at the start and end of the trip.

My child is entitled\* / is not entitled\* to free school meals. \* Please delete as applicable.

I understand that any deposits/monies paid are NOT refundable unless:

- I cancel the place BEFORE any expenses are incurred by The Philip Morant School
- The trip is cancelled by The Philip Morant School
- I produce a valid Medical Certificate for my child's illness/injury, which states it is inadvisable to them to travel/participate in the activity.

I give permission for any photographs to be used in School publications

I **do not** give permission for any photographs to be used in School publications

I confirm that my child's nationality and passport is \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. British/UK)

I confirm that my child will be will be travelling on a current & valid passport for this trip

I confirm that my child will have a current & valid EHIC card

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian)

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