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Dear Parent/Carer

Personal Development Week (PDW) - Year 8 Visit to France, Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024

During our Personal Development Week (PDW) – Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024, Year 8 students will be offered the opportunity to either go on an international residential trip or stay in school to participate in a number of exciting daily activities. Those in tutor groups B, L, E and A are being offered the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to the Opal Coast in France.

During our stay we will be able to experience what this beautiful area of France has to offer. We will visit a snail farm and spend time on the picturesque beaches of the Opal Coast. Students will be encouraged to practise their French language throughout the trip, and will have to buy ingredients for their own lunch at a traditional market and will also pay a visit to Bagatelle Theme Park. This trip will be an invaluable and enriching experience which will develop both the students' cultural knowledge of France and their language skills.

The trip will cost between £540 and £590, depending on numbers participating and prices at the time of confirmation. The cost of the trip includes a voluntary contribution towards activities and transport and a charge for board and lodging. If insufficient students are prepared to pay the voluntary contribution, then the trip may be cancelled.

If you would like your child to participate in this residential trip please sign them up through your 'My Child at School' (MCaS) account and pay a non-refundable deposit of £75 by no later than **Sunday 29 October 2023** to secure their place.

Important - Please note that once your child has been allocated a place on this trip the school will be entering into a contract with tour operators and/or travel companies based on your request and you will be liable for any cancellation charges which are payable under that contract should you or your child subsequently change your mind about participating.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip but will experience difficulty in making the contribution please make contact before signing up to the trip - tripsandvisits@beaumont.school.

Travel Restrictions

Your child will need a valid individual passport and either a valid EHIC or GHIC Card which should both be valid for travel in July 2024. The passport must be:

- issued less than 10 years before departure date (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after return date (check the 'expiry date')

Please advise us if your child does not have an EU/British passport and requires a VISA.

There are currently no entry requirements relating to COVID for France however we are aware that the entry requirements for each country can change and we will do our best to keep you updated of these for this trip.

By signing your child up to this trip you acknowledge and agree to comply with any vaccination, testing and form filling requirements for both the visiting and returning countries, in this case France and the UK.





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Please be advised that the cost for any required testing has not been included in the costs for this trip and will be borne by the parent / carer.

School-Based Activities

To help assist in your decision making, please see below a table of the activities we have offered previously in school along with the approximate prices paid last year.

In School – no charge:	Trips Out:
Textiles	Top Golf & Fitness Suite - £19
Italian Day	Karting - £26
Drama & Music	Laser Quest - £31
Art	Harry Potter Studios - £35
Raquet Sports	London Eye & Aquarium - £21
Product Design	Ninja Warrior & Bowling - £31

Please be aware these activities & prices are subject to change and give an indication only of what we may be able to offer.

I would also like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Procedure that is available on the school website. This requires all students participating in a school visit to have a good record of behaviour at school. Please note that mobile phones and electronic internet capable devices are **NOT** permitted on residential trips and if a student is found to have one it will be confiscated.

Please be reminded to advise us of any changes to the information you have previously provided us with regarding your child's medical condition/allergies information and the emergency contact details. Any additional information or updates should be provided, in writing to the school – data.correction@beaumont.school.

We do hope to accommodate everyone in their choices for PDW and it is important for those wanting to participate in the residential trip to ensure that consent and deposits are received by the given cut-off date - **Sunday 29 October 2023**.

I am sure that this trip will be a very enjoyable and educationally informative experience. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Z Shepherd
Assistant Headteacher & Trip Leader

