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Expression of Interest Letter

**Trip: Year 8 French Trip to Château de la Baudonnière
(current Year 7 students continuing with French next year)**

Dates: Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023

From: Mme E. Fondu

Friday, 23 June 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We are writing to inform you of the forthcoming Year 8 residential visit to Château de la Baudonnière (www.the-chateau.com) in the north of France. This exciting trip is designed to give your child a fun and memorable experience by being immersed in French culture and being able to practise his French in situ. Everything that is done at the Château involves using practical spoken French to convey meaning, and the children are encouraged to speak French to get what they want. There is a huge range of activities - such as fencing, assault courses, archery and so forth, as well as cultural visits.

Here are the main details:

- Dates: Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023
- Return coach and ferry travel
- Full board, all excursions, evening activities and entrance fees included
- Please note this trip is only for students who have chosen to continue with French in Year 8

The current anticipated cost for this trip is **£491.00 per student**, which is subject to change depending on costs at the time of booking and on the numbers of students participating. Please note that students holding a non-UK/non-EU passport will need to apply for a visa and consider this extra cost.

Additional support will be available to students in receipt of Pupil Premium and to families experiencing financial hardship, who meet the qualifying criteria.

Currently, numbers are limited to 60 and demand is expected to be high. Should the trip become oversubscribed, then the places will be allocated at random and notification will be communicated shortly afterwards. Therefore, please express your interest by completing the online form below by the 3rd of July.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JW2n9JT5Hw>

Please note no money is being taken at this point and the expression of interest is not binding at this stage. We are planning to ask for a first payment of £160 by the end of term.

We hope your child will be able to join us on this exciting trip. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at efondu@reading-school.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Ms E. Fondu

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