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Expression of Interest Letter

**Trip: Year 11 French Trip to Château de la Baudonnière
(current Year 10 students)**

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 residential visit to Château de la Baudonnière (www.the-chateau.com) in the north of France. As you are aware, the current Year 10 students have missed out on opportunities to go to France over Covid and with this year being the first year trips are back we really wanted them to have the opportunity to practise their French in situ prior to their GCSE exams. We are now able to offer for your child to go to France in Year 11, and to minimise the impact on their other subjects in terms of missing a week of lessons, it has been decided to offer this trip in our reading week at the start of November.

This exciting trip is designed to immerse our students in the French language and culture in a fun and friendly environment to enable students to practise their French with confidence. The members of staff at the Château are all native speakers of French and communicate solely in French with students. 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 fun activities run entirely in French - such as fencing, assault courses, archery and so forth, as well as cultural visits with a focus on Listening skills through guide tours in French.

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 will also have a Y8 group, however the groups will be separate and do different activities

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.

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>

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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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