

Highworth Warneford School Year 7 residential visit to France

Friday 30th June – Monday 3rd July 2023

The visit is organised through Manor Adventure (who own the Château de Broutel in the town of Rue - <https://www.manoradventure.com/chateau-du-broutel.php>) in conjunction with Highworth Warneford School. This will be our fourth trip there. We are crossing the channel by ferry Dover- Calais (P&O). The Château is situated approx. 1 hour from Calais. We will visit Étaples cemetery, Rue's Saturday market, a snail farm, visit a French town, take part in outdoor activities, and much more!

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and towel please.

TRAVEL DETAILS

The coach will depart from the Warneford School car park at 7:30am on Friday 30th June. Students must arrive at school by 7:00am, please. We will be returning on Monday 3rd July at 4:15pm. We will issue updates via the Warneford website/social media/Twitter.

FOOD

Students should bring breakfast and a packed lunch with them. We would rather that bags of sweets and fizzy drinks were not brought along. The food in France at the Château is good, healthy and hearty with a range of options. Please let us know of any allergies before we go. It is very important that the students eat well and keep hydrated "eau, eau, eau" in (hopefully) hot summer weather, so a water bottle is vital. The joy of travel is in experiencing new sights, sounds and flavours.

PASSPORT

Along with the EHIC or GHIC card (available free from the NHS website or <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>), passports should be brought to the Finance Office by Monday 12th June. Passports should have at least 6 months valid before the expiry date. All passports will need to be individually scanned and stamped at the ports.

INSURANCE

Please remind children to be very careful with their property. Money must be kept in a safe place and valuables not left unattended. Any losses must be reported to group leaders immediately. We would rather expensive items were left at home. *****Please ensure that you have signed and returned the parental consent form, in the event that we need your child to receive professional medical treatment during the course of their stay***.**

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are taken entirely at the student's own risk. We ask that students use their phones sensibly, kindly and sparingly. As we travel, we encourage students to look at the scenery, not just their screen array. An adaptor will be needed to charge the phone in France. Books, magazines, postcards are all ways to be entertained too.

POCKET MONEY

The amount of pocket money your child has is up to you. We suggest that £25 (€30) should be adequate to buy ice creams, souvenirs and presents. Please change money into Euros before departure. (UK currency can be used on the ferry).

BAGS/ CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Students require a sleeping bag, pillow and towel. Please label all property clearly. There is no

room on the coach for very large suitcases. A small /medium sized bag or a rucksack/weekend/sports bag would be fine. Please bring the sleeping bag (named) in a separate (small) bag, if possible, this can be stored under the seat in the coach. For dirty/muddy clothes some plastic bags would be useful. Where possible, pupils should have a watch so that they can be aware of meeting times. We will be doing some outdoor activities so old trainers, a long-sleeved top and old trousers/jeans are needed for this. Students will not be permitted to take part in certain outdoor activities on-site without suitable footwear. A rain coat and sun cream will be needed. Mosquito protection and a hat or cap too, please. A working torch (or basic head torch) is very useful. A suggested kit list is available if required.

CUSTOMS

Children MUST NOT buy explosive caps, fireworks, knives of any kind, laser pens and BB guns. Alcohol or cigarettes CANNOT be brought back as presents. When we go through the customs queues, we expect pupils to be extremely sensible, polite and patient – queues may be long...

MEDICINE

If your child is taking medicine of any kind or suffers any allergy, we must have written details of it. If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure that tablets are taken well in advance of the journey and that you provide tablets for the return journey.

BEHAVIOUR

A very high standard of behaviour is expected at all times. Students must remember that our school will be judged by their behaviour and attitudes during the trip. We want our students to be excellent ambassadors for Highworth Warneford School.

ROOMING MEETING

Thursday 15th June – (Languages Club) at 12.35 in Room 29. Students will give us the name of at least one person they would ideally like to share a room with.

ON THE COACH

Children must remain seated at all times with their seatbelts done up. It is the law in France and fines can be imposed. The coach must be kept clean at all times and any litter must be put in bags provided. Chewing gum should not be taken. Children should be warned not to consume large amounts of food and fizzy drinks as this can lead to unpleasant consequences.

ON VISITS

As a group we are visiting several places. Children are asked to be polite and sensible and respectful, to show interest in what they are being shown or told and to feel free to ask questions. At times they may be sent off in smaller groups to complete assignments. **They must never go off on their own or in groups of fewer than three**. In France they drive on the RIGHT. Care must be taken when crossing roads, even on pedestrian crossings, not all drivers think pedestrians have the right of way. Time keeping and punctuality are vital.

GENERAL

Children must take care not to invite attention from pickpockets or local youths. Wallets and purses should be kept safe and out of sight especially in markets and supermarkets.

*We ask that if students are unsure or unhappy about anything on the trip, that they talk to one of the Warneford teachers straight away, as we are there with them to help and support.

We are all looking forward to having a really good time. 😊