**Second World War Battlefields, France**

**Years 8-10 Summer Trip: June 26th – 29th 2023**

September 2022

Dear Parents,

This Summer the History Department will be running a trip to the battlefields of Normandy in France which saw heavy fighting in 1944 on, and following, the D-Day landings.

The trip will be open to boys from Year 8 to Year 10. For those in Year 9, this will directly build upon material covered during lessons. For those in Year 8, it will give them a terrific preview into what they will cover next year. For those in Year 10, this has a clear crossover with their IGCSE course’s modules on Germany and the beginning of the Cold War.

Our proposed itinerary (please note that this is only provisional at this stage):

**Monday 26th June:** Depart school to travel to France by coach via Portsmouth-Caen ferry crossing. Visit Memorial de Caen before travelling on to the hotel in Bayeux.

**Tuesday 27th:** Visits to Pegasus Bridge Memorial and Arromanches D-Day Museum. Watch a film in the Arromanches 360 degree cinema then spend some time on Gold Beach to view the remains of the Mulberry Harbour.

**Wednesday 28th:** Visit the Airborne Museum at Ste. Mere Eglise; Pointe du Hoc and then the Omaha Monument, beach and the American graveyard.

**Thursday 29th:** Visit the Merville Battery Museum, Le Cambe German cemetery and the Longues-sur-Mer German artillery battery. Return journey to school via ferry, arriving late evening.

**Accommodation**

4 days and 3 nights full board in Hotel Première Classe Bayeux, where students will be in accommodated in shared rooms.

**Requirements for Travel to France**

Your son will need a valid passport for the visit. It is important that the expiry date is at least three months after the return date of our trip. Your son will also need a General Health Insurance Card or a European Health Insurance Card if this is still valid, which you will need to provide at a later date.

Currently, proof of Covid-19 vaccination status or a negative test is not required for entry to France.

Any of the above may change and we will follow the government guidelines via the link <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>.

**Trip Cost**

The cost of the trip will be £636 to include all meals (apart from during the return journey), transport, accommodation, travel insurance and all activities.

**In order to confirm your son’s place on the trip, we will require a deposit of £300 by Monday 10th October.**

The remaining balance of £336 will be added to your Lent Term bill.

Please be advised that should you wish to cancel after paying the deposit, there may be extra cancellation charges as well as a loss of the £300.

**Signing Up**

The trip is open to any pupil currently in Year 8, 9 or 10 who is studying History. Please use the online booking system on EVOLVE to sign your son up for the trip. Booking links will be sent out between 19:00 and 19:30 on Monday 3rd October.

There are 35 places available on the trip, which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Your son’s place will only be guaranteed once you have booked him onto the trip via EVOLVE and transferred a non-refundable deposit of £300.

Once you have clicked the booking link, the EVOLVE trips system will automatically confirm whether he has a place. Once the place has been confirmed, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £300 by BACS to:

Bank: Lloyds

Sort Code: 30-99-15

Account: 00734106

Ref: 3W0247 and child’s name

Once all places have been filled, you will be able to add your son to a waiting list. Please do not transfer the deposit until we have confirmed that your son has a place on the trip.

We hope that the trip will be both extremely interesting and also of great benefit for your son’s studies. The trip will also provide a unique opportunity to remember Old Warwickians who fell in the War and there may also be scope for boys to visit the graves of family members who fell in Normandy.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J. Sutherland

History Teacher and Trip Leader