



22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

**CHATEAU BEAUMONT TRIP - 16<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018**

We are planning to take a group of students on a five-day residential visit to Chateau Beaumont, a language and activity centre situated in Mayenne, Southern Normandy, France.

The trip is open to all students in Years 9 and 10 who would like to experience the real France and would be of great educational value to those either already working towards or proposing to work towards their GCSE French.

Residential trips have a proven positive impact on both the individual student and on class morale as a whole, with many educational benefits, such as enhancing social skills, promoting a healthier lifestyle and active minds. The Chateau offers a superb, authentic French experience in a truly beautiful location.

The trip is scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. It should be noted that it does coincide with the annual Year 10 visit to Italy offered by the Humanities Faculty, so do please bear this in mind before signing up to this trip.

The pupils will follow the 'Reportage' itinerary, which is designed to give students an opportunity to experience the history, culture and language of this richly historic region, as well as to try out new and fun activities offered by the Chateau. There will be visits to Laval Market, Mont St. Michel, Fougères Castle and an Animal Refuge and / or a Cider Museum.

Chateau Beaumont is set in 10 acres of private grounds with a separate accommodation block for school groups. Why not take a look at their website at [www.chateau-beaumont.co.uk](http://www.chateau-beaumont.co.uk).

On-site facilities include a classroom, entertainment hall, basketball court, swimming pool, climbing wall and common room. A range of activities are available on-site such as fencing, archery, zip wire, aeroball, nightline, initiative exercises, climbing, swimming and team games. Students will also be taking part in a fun and exciting programme of evening entertainment.

The accommodation block comprises dormitories with en-suite facilities. Three full meals are provided each day and students will be introduced to French cooking methods with foods they will enjoy.

The total cost of the trip is £480.00, to include all transport, insurance, full board and accommodation, equipment and instruction, activities and most of the excursions. Arrangements can be made for the full cost of the trip to be paid on a weekly basis. Payments should be made via ParentPay, cash or cheque, which must be made payable to Crickhowell High School.



If you would like your son / daughter to participate in the trip, please complete the attached form and return it together with a deposit of £20.00. Deposits are non-refundable.

As this is a fully inclusive trip, students need only take additional money for extra snacks and souvenirs.

Chateau Beaumont is a very popular destination with a proven track record in hosting school groups. It promises to be a lot of fun!

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