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Dear Parent / Carer

16th January 2017

I am delighted to inform you that the MFL Department are organising a two day residential educational trip to France In October 2017.

As with previous years, we will be staying at the Chateau d'Ebblinghem which is located in St Omer on the Opal Coast, just 45 minutes from Calais and Ypres, 55 minutes from the Eurotunnel terminal, 60 minutes from Boulogne and 90 minutes from Le Touquet. The company we are using is NST (Northern Schools Travel), one of the leading educational trip providers in the UK.

Residential courses organised by the school are an optional, but invaluable part of the National Curriculum. Students benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and I feel certain that this experience will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.

Following the recent terrorist activity in Europe we have checked the advice from the Foreign Office website and Herts County Council who confirm that additional security checks have been put into place by the French Government and to expect delays when travelling. However should the Foreign Office decide that travel to France had become inadvisable a full refund would be available under our travel insurance policy.

We would like to offer this opportunity to a group of 40 students and the trip will take place from Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th October 2017. The cost of the visit will be £195.50 which includes return travel by coach, insurance, full board accommodation, group passport and a full programme of activities.

As places are limited a **non-refundable deposit of £40.00** will be required to secure your child a place. If you wish your son/daughter to participate in this rewarding trip, please make your payment using the school's electronic payments system (Wisepay) and complete and return the slip below to the Finance Office by Friday **3rd February 2017**. If you have not used 'Wisepay' before, please contact the Finance Office on ext 312 or email finance@sfosborn.herts.sch.uk for a username and password. If the slip is returned without payment your child's place will not be secured. A further letter will be sent confirming your child's place together with a payment schedule. Failure to adhere to the payment schedule may result in your child's place being offered to another student.

We will be arranging a parents evening closer to the trip to give more information. In the meantime if you wish to find out more about Northern Schools Travel and the Chateau d'Ebblinghem, please visit <http://www.nstgroup.co.uk/tour/general-cultural-in-the-opal-coast/>.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on ext 331 or email me on gill.matheson@sfosborn.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Matheson
Teacher of MFL

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To the Finance Office

Year 8/9 French Trip October 2017
(Current Year 7 and 8)

I wish my son/daughter: in Form: to participate in the Year 8/9 trip to the Chateau d'Ebblinghem in France

I have paid the initial deposit of £40.00 via 'Wisepay' which I understand in **non-refundable**. I also understand that a refund of the trip would only be available if the Foreign Office decides that travel to France is inadvisable

Signed: Full Name: Date:

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