

# Saint Ambrose College

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1946 - 2016

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

Principal: J M Keulemans BSc (Hons) NPQH



24 May 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trip to Blainville France 13-17 June 2016

Please find below some important information for the trip which I hope you will find useful. I have also attached the final itinerary for the trip.

Luggage should be kept to a minimum:

- one small suitcase or travelling bag, well-labelled, containing a change of clothing, general sportswear and trainers, overnight clothes, wash-bag and a towel plus a plastic bag for dirty clothes, to go in the boot of the coach.
- one bag to take on the coach with food and necessities for the journey.
- suntan cream/lotion

The boys should wear light, comfortable clothes and shoes for travelling and have a warm sweater and waterproof anorak in case of rain.

The first meal provided will be dinner on Monday evening so enough food should be provided for breakfast and lunch. To avoid coach sickness we suggest PLAIN FOOD AND NON-FIZZY drinks and a supply of favourite sweets and biscuits for the holiday as these are expensive in France. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the coaches. Chewing gum is not allowed. There will be stops on the way when food can be consumed.

The boys will be divided into groups under the direction of a member of staff who will supervise them throughout. Parents will appreciate that it is essential for the boys to behave sensibly, obediently and courteously at all times, both for their own safety, and the safety and enjoyment of everyone in the party. I must stress that any disobedience or bad behaviour will have consequences. I hope that you will give me your full support in impressing this upon our departure.

Details of sleeping accommodation are now confirmed – 5 bedded rooms with private wash and shower rooms. The boys are allocated to bedrooms taking into account their personal preferences but also the necessity to maintain good discipline.

May I remind you that the boys will receive 70 Euros whilst in France but you will need to provide some English money for the coach journey. There will be opportunities for shopping and buying souvenirs. Please remember that children of this age are NOT permitted to buy or bring through customs, cigarettes or alcoholic drinks. Boys are NOT ALLOWED to buy fireworks, knives or any other offensive weapons (or anything which looks like a weapon) which are more readily available in shops in France.

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The party is fully insured. I have details of existing medical problems but if your son is taking medicine, will you please inform me, in writing, giving details of the medicines taken. Any medicines must be clearly labelled with the boy's name and instructions for use. If your son suffers from travel sickness, please PROVIDE HIM WITH APPROPRIATE PILLS AND INSTRUCT HIM IN THEIR USE. All boys should have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) in their own name. This is obtainable free of charge online from <https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do>

Please do not phone the Centre unless there is an emergency. I will contact you, of course, if there is an emergency in France. Your son will be given a card to keep on his person with the following mobile numbers:

Coaches 1+2: Mr M. Mankarious      07470836197 (school mobile 1)

Coaches 3+4: Mr B. Mulrennan      07470919393 (school mobile 2)

During their visit the boys should collect information and souvenirs and keep a diary about their activities and impressions. Every boy will be expected to produce an account of his trip illustrated where possible with photographs and postcards (The Normandy 1st Year French Project). Prizes for the best work will be presented later in the term. Projects must be submitted by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June** to be considered for a prize.

The boys may, at their own risk, bring a mobile phone, a camera, an iPod or a DVD player, CDs and small games for the journey but all electric devices must have earphones and be marked with names. Members of staff will not be held responsible for any losses. We would appreciate the loan of good DVD films (with a certificate no higher than a 12 of course!) for use on the coach during the journey. Please send these into school to your son's coach leader on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The DVD should be labelled with your son's name.

As we will be arriving during the early hours of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, your son is **not** expected to come to school on that day.

Once again, I hope that you will find this information useful. However, if there are any additional matters I should be pleased to answer your queries at any time. I am sure that, with your co-operation, the visit will be both extremely successful and beneficial for all those involved.

May I take this opportunity to invite you to a French evening on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm** where you will be given the opportunity to watch a short film capturing highlights from the trip.

Yours faithfully,

**M Mankarious**

Trip Leader & Assistant Head of Languages

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## Members of staff travelling with the group

Coach 1	Coach 2	Coach 3	Coach 4
Mr M Mankarious Mr J Cutting Miss V Winterbottom Mr P Allen	Mr C Vaughton Mr N Tollitt Miss L McLoughlin Mr A Lindsay	Mr A Chapman Miss S McCrory Miss A Drogan Mr A Evans	Mr B Mulrennan Mr M O'Neill Mrs C McClements Mr J Leisk

### Centre Address:

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<b>St. Ambrose College -Le Sénéquet, Blainville, France -June 2016</b>
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**Day 1 –12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (Sunday night)**

Arrive at the school main car park **Sunday night** **23.20**

Please enter the college by the main gate off Hale road and park in the main car park

Depart school at 23.50

**Day 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Transfer to **Folkestone** for check in for **Eurotunnel** no later than 06.35

**Depart on Eurotunnel at** **07.20**

**Arrive Calais at** **08.55**

**Stop at Lisieux for an hour or so - if ok with driver's hours**

Onward coach transfer to **Le Sénéquet, Blainville Normandy** to arrive approx 14.00

Dinner at 19.00

**DAY 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Breakfast at 08.30

Coaches depart **Le Sénéquet** with **packed lunches** at -TBA with drivers

**Coach 1+2** - 70 boys + 8 teachers transfer to **Caen and**

**THE MEMORIAL MUSEUM** to arrive at 10.45-11.00

**35+4- Coach 1**

World War 2 area - Visit booked at 11.15

D Day Film booked for 13.30

**35+4 - Coach 2**

World War 2 area - Visit booked at 11.30

D Day Film booked for 13.30

**Coaches 3 + 4 – 71 boys + 8 teachers transfer to Bayeux**

Visit at the Centre Guillaume Le Conquérant to arrive at 10.15

**BAYEUX TAPESTRY BOOKINGS**

**Coach 4 -35 boys + 4 teachers at** **10.45**

**Coach 3 -36 boys + 4 teachers at** **11.00**

**If there is a time then the Pegasus Bridge can be visited**

Dinner at 19.00

**DAY 4 –15<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Breakfast 08.30

Depart **Le Sénéquet** with **packed lunch** at TBA with drivers

All Coaches transfer to **Mt St Michel** **13.00**

Dinner at 19.00

**DAY 5 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Breakfast 08.30

Depart **Le Sénéquet** with **packed lunch** at TBA with drivers

**Coach 3+4 - 71 boys + 8 teachers transfer to Caen and**

**THE MEMORIAL MUSEUM** to arrive at 10.45-11.00

**36+4- Coach 3**

World War 2 area - Visit booked at 11.15

D Day Film booked for 13.30

**35+4 - Coach 4**

World War 2 area - Visit booked at 11.30

D Day Film booked for 13.30

**Coach 1+2 – 70 boys + 8 teachers transfers to Bayeux**

Visit at the Centre Guillaume Le Conquérant to arrive 30 mins prior – 10.15

**BAYEUX TAPESTRY BOOKINGS**

**Coach 2 -35 boys + 4 teachers at** **10.45**

**Coach 1 -35 boys + 4 teachers at** **11.00**

Check in at **Euro Tunnel** to no later than 21.05

**Depart Calais** **21.50**

**Arrive Folkestone at** **21.25**

**DAY 6 – 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Thursday after midnight)**

**Transfer to College arriving approx.** **02.00 / 02.30**