



TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Trip to Normandy, 15-19 July 2019

During activities week of the next academic year, the school will be running a trip to Normandy, travelling by ferry and staying for four nights in Grandcamp Maisy on the channel coast near the historic Omaha Beach.

From this base, we will be able to visit many sites of interest. Although the itinerary has yet to be finalised, in the past the trip has included visits to the Bayeux Tapestry, William the Conqueror's birthplace at Falaise, the sites of the D-Day landings on Utah and Omaha beaches, Commonwealth and US War Cemeteries, the artificial harbour and 360 degree cinema at Arromanches, and the impressive coastal formations of the Manche coast of Normandy. The school has run a trip to Normandy for many years and the response from students has always been overwhelmingly positive. **Places are limited to 105 and will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis on receipt of deposit**, so may I take this opportunity to encourage an early response if you wish to secure a place for your son.

The overall cost of this trip will be £455 per student (which includes all meals at the centre and entry to all sites visited). **Initially we are asking for a non-refundable deposit of £80 to be paid by Friday 21st September 2018. At this time, we will also be requesting your son's full passport and EHIC details so passports and EHICs will need to be renewed over the summer holidays if you wish for your son to participate on the trip as the deadline for the collection of passport details is Friday 19th October.** Payment can be made via 'PARENTPAY' from Tuesday 4th September (Option Normandy Trip). Parentpay is the preferred and most secure method of payment and reduces our administration costs but if this poses a problem, please contact the Finance Office. Parents are requested to group any payments together where possible (e.g. trip cost, dinner money, shop purchase) in order to reduce the Parentpay fee charged to the school which is applied per transaction. The remaining payments will be spread out across the year, with the remaining balance to be paid by Friday 26th April 2019. The government has provided some 'limited' funds to schools which may be used to provide financial help to eligible students for this event. If you think you may be eligible for financial assistance, your son is in receipt of Free School Meals, or has previously received them, please pay the deposit to secure a place and then contact the School Business Manager immediately to discuss assistance. Mrs Simons' contact details are dsimons@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk

Full details, including accommodation and travel times, will be issued later but if you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. A. Bradbury
Head of History and Politics