

St Edmund's Catholic Academy

To Love and Serve the Lord

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Dear Parent/Carer

France Trip: Final information

On Monday we will be departing on our trip to France. It promises to be a fantastic trip which will give them a brilliant experience of French culture and language. To make this trip a success, I enclose a packing list, trip itinerary as well advice on behaviour and expectations.

If parents/carers have emergency issues requiring immediate contact with the group, please contact the school mobile phone - **07780 524193**. This will be carried at all times by the trip teachers. We will post an update on our arrival through the school twitter (@stedmunds) and facebook (/stedmundscatholicacademy) channels.

Advice on behaviour for pupils

I would ask that parents/carers go through this list with their child so they are familiar with the expectations.

- Remember you are representing St. Edmund's so behaviour must be impeccable. Stay **Calm** and alert to new situations, **Aspire** to speak lots of French, **Respect** France, its culture and our hosts, **Engage** with the activities to make the most of this wonderful opportunity!
- Follow teacher instructions at all times for your safety and security. You will be allocated to a group of ten students to help us count the group and ensure we are all present. Make sure you stick by them when we are doing a count.
- Road safety: Remember in France traffic will come from the opposite direction so take extra care when leaving the coach or crossing the road. Follow all teacher directions and make sure you are not distracted by a phone or device - stay alert.
- At our accommodation bed time will be 9 o'clock with final lights out and quiet at 10pm. You should not be on your phone or electronic devices after this point.
- You should not post on social media any pictures of other pupils or staff as you do not have their consent.
- Do not purchase in France any items that would be normally prohibited in school.
- Do not bring any items that you cannot afford to lose/be damaged - you are responsible for your personal belongings. Any accidental loss or damage is not covered by our insurance.



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Itinerary

Monday 18th March

****06:00** Arrive at School and travel by coach to Folkestone. Please meet at school well on time so that the coach can depart as scheduled. Remember the school building will not be open so there will be no toilet facilities available before we go!**

10:50 Arrive at the Eurotunnel terminal

12:50 Shuttle departs Folkestone.

14:25 Arrival Calais. Carry on to resort approx 1 hour - Moulin aux Draps

15:30 Arrive at accommodation and check-in. Meet your animateur. Time at your leisure

18:30 Evening meal and activities with your animateur

Tuesday 19th March

8 00 Breakfast and collect packed lunches.

10:00 Nausicaa Sealife Centre, Boulogne - Giant aquariums, under-water exploration, special effects and spectacular attractions take the visitor on a journey to the heart of the oceans. Students will allowed some time to explore the aquarium independently in groups.

16:00 La Ferme du Petit Quenneval (a goat farm!)

18:30 Evening meal and activities with your animateur.

Wednesday 20th March

8:00 Breakfast and collect packed lunches

10:00 Boulangerie Le Fournil (learn how to make croissants!!)

12:30 Becasuc Sweet Factory - your students will learn about the manufacture of sweets, make some for yourself and learn about why people in the Pas-de-Calais have such a sweet-tooth! The visit lasts 1 hour.

15:30 L'Escargotiere du Choquel (a snail farm!)

Thursday 21st March

8:00 Breakfast, pack and check out.

10:00 Vimy Ridge National Historic Site of Canada - visit to WW1 memorial where we will lay a wreath on behalf of St. Edmund's.

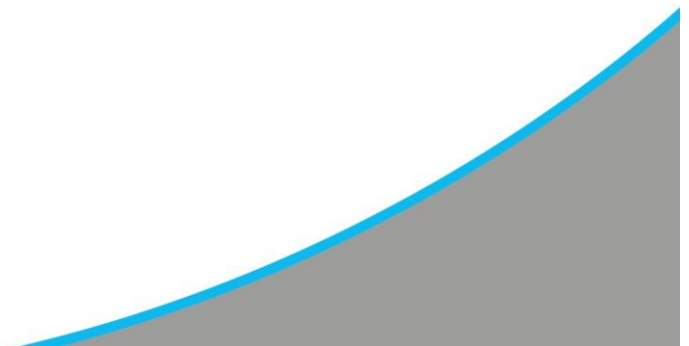
Depart for your return journey to Calais.

16:00 Arrive at the Eurotunnel terminal

17:20 Shuttle departs Calais.

16:55 Arrive Folkestone and carry on to school, approx. 5.5 hours.

****22:30 (ish!) Arrival at school. Welcome back! We will update students so they can contact parents about our arrival time, dependent on traffic and Channel crossing.****



Packing checklist

Necessary items:

- Mobile phone and charger (ensure school phone emergency contact number **07780 524193** clearly stored in CONTACTS. Call this number ICE - stands for In Case of Emergency)
- Plug adaptor for France
- SMALL flat-ish rucksack that you will be able to stow on the narrow luggage rack on the coach and use on our day trips
- Towel and washcloth
- Packed Lunch and/or a small amount of pound sterling for service stations stops in UK
- Toiletries, including
 - Comb/Brush
 - Toothbrush/Paste
 - Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Soap
 - Tissues/wet wipes/ sanitary protection
- Any medication - **please pass any these to Mr Joglekar on departure. If you have an inhaler, bring your spare inhaler and hand in as well.**
- Motion Sickness Medicine or wrist travel bands
- Appropriate clothing for three days (warmth is essential - it could be cold and wet in France)
- Clean sets of underwear, socks etc
- Pyjamas (NOT TO BE WORN ON COACH!)
- Comfortable footwear
- Rain jacket

Suggested other items

- Small, light fleece blanket and possibly a neck pillow for the bus. Please do not bring any bulky duvets.
 - Camera, charger, batteries, cords, etc.
 - Headphones (careful with wireless headphones such as AirPods as these can be easily lost). Please don't bring any speakers.
 - Luggage ID Tags
 - Euros - around 40 euros should be sufficient to buy souvenirs/snacks etc.
 - Glasses, glasses case and lens wipe
 - Book and/or playing cards
 - Plastic bag for dirty laundry
 - Food bars or emergency snack food
 - Bottled water for bus. (You could pack a couple of spare bottles in your luggage but do make sure that your bottles are secure as you don't want wet clothes!)
 - Earplugs
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