

DCL/ARA

22nd November 2022

Principal
Shaun Strydom MEd

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 Residential to Normandy – June/July 2023

We are pleased to offer all students in Year 8 the opportunity to travel to Normandy, France as part of the July 2023 residential programme (Monday 26th June – Friday 30th June 2023).

The aim of this programme is to provide students with a range of cultural and historical experiences which will enhance their knowledge and understanding of Europe. It will also provide excellent opportunities for the students to gain an insight into the culture and traditions of another country.

It will include the following:

- Full spec Coach hire as specified for tour duration - 5 days
- 4 nights full board accommodation at The Gold Beach. Please see <http://www.gold-beach-hotel.com> for more details. Subject to availability.
- Visit to the Airborne Troops Museum, Arromanches 360 Cinema, Bayeux Tapestry, Festy Land theme park
- Activity days are subject to change according to operational requirements e.g. weather conditions

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1 - Travel to Dover for Western route ferry crossing, arrive in Calais and transfer to the Gold Beach for evening meal / free time.

Day 2 – Visit to the historic town of St Mere Eglise and the Airborne Troops Museum to experience what being a soldier parachuting into a warzone may have been like, followed by free time to visit the town. This is followed by a short coach trip to Mont St Michel for an afternoon of walking around the medieval monastery. Return to accommodation for evening meal / activities / free time.

Day 3 - Full day to visit the Bayeux, visiting the tapestry and the vibrant market nearby. A Visit Arromanches 360, Ponte du Hoc, American Cemetery Omaha Beach and then return to the accommodation for evening meal / activities / free time.

Day 4 – Full day excursion to the local theme park, Festy Land. Return to our accommodation for evening meal

Day 5 - Journey back to school.

The cost of this trip is £565, which includes all travel, accommodation, food and excursions. To secure a place on this trip, a deposit of £100 will be required. Please note that payment can **only be accepted** through your WisePay account by selecting the 'Trip and Visit Payments' icon, selecting this trip and following the instructions, confirming both consent and payment by **Friday 1st December**.

All students who would like to sign up for a residential must sign and return a behaviour contract after signing up to the residential.

Students that do not meet the behavioural expectations of Brooke Weston Academy will forfeit their place on the residential.

Whilst we appreciate this trip has been organised well in advance, we feel that this will enable parents/guardians to stage payments over the forthcoming months. A detailed payment schedule is attached.

This trip offers an amazing opportunity for students to bond with each other and forge new friendships in addition to experiencing a jam-packed and fun itinerary around Normandy taking in some of the most historically important sites and land marks in Europe. We would love to have every year 8 student attend this trip, so if you have any questions or concerns about this residential please contact Mr Browne. (jbrowne@brookeweston.org) or use the schools main telephone number, 01536 396366.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Strydom', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shaun Strydom
Principal

Terms and Conditions

General

Any student leaving Brooke Weston prior to the trip will not be permitted to travel and will forfeit all monies paid.

Non-refundable deposits

All deposits are non-refundable.

Non-refundable payments

Should a student withdraw from the trip or be unable to travel, you will be liable for monies paid to the Travel Company by Brooke Weston in accordance with the detailed payment schedule, unless covered by the insurance or there are students on the waiting list for the trip who are able to take the place. Deposits, in this case, are still non-refundable as Brooke Weston has to pay the administration charges for name changes to the Travel Company.

Passport

All students travelling will require their own passport which must be valid **for at least 6 months after the date of travel**.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) / Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)

This trips requires students to have an EHIC or GHIC card, available free from any main Post Office, online or by phone.

Health form and emergency contact details

It is a pre-requisite for every trip that students provide a completed and signed form containing details of any existing medical conditions plus details of any medication they are currently taking. Twenty-four hour emergency contact details for students must be provided to us prior to the trip.

Conduct

In the event of persistent or a serious incident of unacceptable behaviour, the Principal reserves the right to remove any student from any trip. Any refund will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Insurance

Health and travel insurance is included in the price of the trip. Full details can be made available on request.

Force Majeure

Brooke Weston cannot accept liability, make any refunds or pay any compensation where circumstances amounting to 'force majeure' prevent travel. Circumstances mounting to 'force majeure' include any event which the tour company or Brooke Weston could not, even with all due care, foresee or forestall such as (by way of example not by way of limitation) war, threat of war, riot, civil unrest, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, acts of God, adverse weather conditions, and all similar events. The final decision concerning the safety and viability of any trip rests with the Principal, who will, where possible consult with parents beforehand.

Payment schedule

Any default in payment, unless previously agreed with the Finance Office, will result in the place being withdrawn. You will be liable for monies paid to the Travel Company by Brooke Weston in accordance with the detailed payment schedule, unless there are students on the waiting list for the trip who are able to take the place. Deposits, in this case, are still non-refundable as Brooke Weston has to pay the administration charges for name changes to the Travel Company.

No outstanding balance on student account

The Principal reserves the right to refuse a place to any student who has a substantial outstanding balance on their account, either on payment of the deposit or at any time thereafter. In addition, it is expected that all accounts will be settled in full no later than one month prior to departure.

Payment Schedule:

December 1 st 2022 Deposit	£100
January 1st 2023	£93
February 1st 2023	£93
March 1 st 2023	£93
April 1 st 2023	£93
May 1 st 2023	£93
TOTAL	£565