

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Being One of Ours

Young Leader- Normandy 4th – 8th May 2027

Dear Parent/Carer,

For the past three years we have taken a small group of Young Leaders to help support our Year 8 Normandy visit. This was really successful for the young people and we are looking to offer this opportunity again. This experience will appeal to young people who:

- Like to be helpful
- Are happy to work on their own or with others
- Can use their initiative
- Are trustworthy
- Like joining in and encouraging younger pupils to take part in activities
- Will still want to go even if their friends aren't going
- Are happy to sit next to or share a room with someone they don't know well
- Want to learn more about World War 2 History
- Enjoy Learning French

These places are open to (next year's) year 10 pupils who enjoy working with younger pupils and aspire to be a positive role model. The trip will be of particular interest to students of French and History, however year 10's who are not studying these subjects but are willing to encourage the use of the French language with the year 8s and show and appreciation of history will still be considered.

Your son/daughter will need to have their own passport with at least 3 months remaining before the expiry date.

The types of duties your son/daughter would be expected to undertake are as follows:

- Eating with the year 8's and modelling good table manners
- Helping to facilitate sandwich making in a morning
- Supporting the teachers with room checks
- Being an extra pair of hands
- Helping to supervise younger pupils whilst on excursions
- Engaging and organising suitable activities with the year 8 pupils if needed
- Reassuring the year 8's with any anxieties or worries they might have

All Young Leaders will be attached to a member of staff and a year 8 group. Whilst they will be expected to be 'on duty' during the day they will have some down time allocated each day and will not be on duty in the night time.



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The Young Leaders will be presented with a certificate of participation on successful completion of the trip.

More details about the trip can be found below. **If more applications are received than are needed then names will be drawn at random.** The cost has been subsidised by school.

The pupils will be staying in a purpose-built centre called 'Château du Molay' which is in its own grounds 14k from Bayeux. We have used this centre for several years and found it to be exceptional. The centre is owned and run by Travelbound and has numerous facilities for pupils including lovely grounds, table tennis tables, a games room and areas to play football. The children will do some activities at the 'Château du Molay' and also have visits out to experience the authentic local French culture and local historical sites such as The Mont St. Michel and the Merville Batterie Museum as well as the Normandy D-Day landing beaches and the British war cemetery in Bayeux. In many ways this is a cross-curricular experience which incorporates History and Geography as well as French.

The newsletter from 8th May contains the report from this year's trip (written by one of our young leaders), which gives you a flavour of the experience the pupils enjoyed.

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If you would like to find out more about the accommodation please visit:

www.travelbound.co.uk/school-trips/chateau-du-molay

I am sure your child will find this to be a most rewarding French experience, both for the linguistic opportunities, the cultural knowledge they will acquire and the sheer fun they will have.

The group will leave Preston on Tuesday 4th May in the evening and return on the evening of Saturday 8th May. The cost will be **£465 per Young Leader** and this includes all travel, accommodation, insurance, excursions, meals at the centre and all entrance tickets. The price also includes a souvenir hoodie which we will organise nearer the time. The price does not include meals on the outward journey. There will be a packed lunch provided on our return but some English money for an evening meal at a service station will be needed. Apart from this cost, however pupils would require a little spending money for their own purchases and souvenirs.

Your child will need their own passport and GHIC card (these replace the EHIC cards and are free and easy to order online). The passport needs to have a minimum of 3 months remaining before expiry after the return date (8th May 2027). If your child does not have a British Passport, it is the parental responsibility to check embassy and visa requirements and ensure that all required documents are provided to school.

The payment schedule is detailed below. If, after discussing this letter with your son/daughter, you would like them to take part in the trip, [please complete this application form \(click here\) by noon on Tuesday 23rd June](#). If your child is successful, they will be informed later that week. You would need to pay the £50 deposit via Scopay by Monday 13th July and complete the consent and medical information form.

Unfortunately, we are unable to make refunds if your child changes their mind about wanting to go.

We will arrange an information session in the spring term for parents but in the meantime should you require further information do not hesitate to contact one of us. If you have financial difficulties, there may be some funds available in school to help. Please contact our finance department by email on Finance@olchs.lancs.sch.uk if this is the case.

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Payment Schedule:

Payment	Date due
Payment 1 Deposit- £50	6 th July 2026
Payment 2 £100	18 th September 2026
Payment 3 £100	16 th November 2026
Final Balance	15 th February 2027

We will send out confirmation of places within the next few weeks.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

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