

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Being One of Ours

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Trip to Normandy 4th-8th May 2027

We would like to inform you about an exciting trip that we are organising for the Summer term 2027 which is open to current Year 7. The trip is called the 'Normandy Experience'. It is a trip that we have run for many years, it is always a huge success and we are pleased to be able to offer it again next year.

The pupils will be staying in a purpose built centre called 'Château du Molay' which is in its own grounds 14k from Bayeux. We used this centre this year 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, Arromanches 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, 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 £495 per child 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, however 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. Pupils will require a little spending money for their own purchases and souvenirs.

We will try to make sure your child is with at least one friend but pupils will need to be flexible with rooms and coach seating.



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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 child, you would like them to take part in the trip please pay the deposit and complete the consent and medical information form via SCOPAY by Monday 6th July.

Please be aware that all payments are non-refundable should your child change their mind.

We anticipate demand to be very high for this trip and so may not be able to accept pupils on the trip after this date. We will endeavour to give all pupils wishing to travel a place but should there be more interest than places available names will be selected from a hat from those who have paid their deposit.

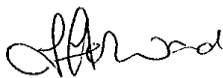
Payment Schedule:

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

I will send out confirmation of places before the end of this term and an information session will be arranged in the Spring Term of 2027 for Parents.

If you are having financial difficulties which may mean you will struggle to make payments, please contact Mrs Fisher at finance@olchs.lancs.sch.uk to request a financial support application form. If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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