

November 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child is being invited to take part in a French Study Visit to Le Château du Broutel in Rue, France. The trip will provide your child with the opportunity to make practical use of the language that they have been learning in lessons, along with broadening their knowledge of French culture. It is intended that this will also support your child with the speaking component of your child's GCSE French exam.

The visit will take place in October 2025, with the trip leaving school on Wednesday 22nd October and returning on Saturday 25th October, which is the start of the half-term break. The trip will involve a 3 night stay in the chateau, where all rooms have their own ensuite facilities and all meals, except lunch on the day of travelling to France, will be included. Travel to and from France will be in an executive coach and during the stay in France we will have full use of the coach to visit places of interest.

The itinerary is not yet finalised at this point, but it is likely that we will visit Le Touquet market, a Chocolate factory, a French hypermarche, a French bakery and a day trip to Paris where students will experience a boat trip on the river Seine, plus another activity such as a visit to the Louvre Museum, The Eiffel Tower or Sacre Coeur.

The cost of this visit is £390 per student, which can be paid in instalments with each instalment being non-refundable after certain dates. We have 40 places available.

<b>Payment due by</b>	<b>Payment amount</b>
<b>10th January 2025</b>	<b>£100 (non-refundable deposit)</b>
<b>7th March 2025</b>	<b>£80</b>
<b>2nd May 2025</b>	<b>£70</b>
<b>6th June 2024</b>	<b>£70</b>
<b>4th July 2025</b>	<b>£70</b>

As per the tour company's deposit guidelines the following cancellation forfeit terms will apply to any students who pull out of the trip from these dates:

From 10th January 2025	£100 non-refundable deposit
From 7th March 2025	Each pupil is liable for 46% of the trip cost (£180)
From 3rd Sept 2025	Each pupil is liable for 75% of the trip cost (£292)
From 8th October 2025	Each pupil is liable for 100% of the Trip cost (£390)

If students drop-out between 7th March 2025 and 8th October 2025 and a replacement cannot be found, the trip could have to be re-priced, which could involve an increase of costs (potentially £10pp) if numbers were to drop below 35 students. As there are 40 places available we sincerely hope this would not be the case, but cannot be guaranteed.

The places for this trip are limited. In order that all pupils are given equal opportunity to take part in the visit, if the number of pupils wishing to take part exceeds the places available, then the school will choose a fair way in which to allocate places (e.g. We may decide to draw names which would be similar to a raffle type system).

An evening for parents will be arranged at a later date where you will receive more information about the visit and where you can raise any questions.

In the meantime, if you wish your child to take part in this visit please return the attached reply slip as an expression of interest, **no later than Friday 29th November.**

If your child has an SEND need, authorisation for their attendance on the trip must be approved by Mr Lloyd (SENCO) before a place can be confirmed. This is to ensure we can safeguard and facilitate your child's need.

**Passports** should be no more than 10 years old, from the date of issue. They should have at least six months left on them, from the departure date.

**All non-EU school children living in the UK** can travel visa free to France as long as

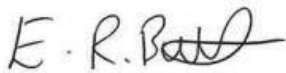
- They are pupils at a general education school (up to sixth form);
- They are travelling on an organised school trip with their own school;
- They are accompanied by a teacher from the school;
- They have their own valid passport;
- They are resident in the UK.

Please note that all pupils require a freshly laundered **sleeping bag, a towel, a pillow and a pillow case.**

Once we have final numbers we will confirm whether your child has secured a place to go on the trip and will ask for a non-refundable deposit of £100 payable by Friday 10th January.

This can be paid through ParentPay or via the finance office (cheques made payable to Newland School for Girls). Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions regarding this visit.

Yours sincerely



Miss E Butters  
Progress Leader for Languages.



**NEWLAND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

**Study Visit to Le Château du Broutel, France - October 2025**

Name of Student: ..... Form Group: .....

- I would like my child to take part in the Study visit to the Le Château du Broutel in France and should a place be available I will make a non-refundable deposit of £100, by 10th January 2025.
- I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to check my child's passport and confirm UK residency.
- I confirm that my child will be able to bring a freshly laundered sleeping bag, a towel, a pillow and a pillow case.

Signature of Parent: ..... Date: .....