



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parent/Carer

5 DAY RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO NORMANDY: Monday 15th - Friday 19th September 2025 (For Year 8 students, starting Year 9 in August)

As many of you will know for many years, the French and History Departments have organised highly successful and enjoyable residential visits to Normandy for our Year 9 students. We would like to offer this opportunity to students currently in Year 8, who will be moving into Year 9 in September 2025.

As always we will be using a specialist school travel company, Equity, with whom we have a good, long standing relationship. We will be following an itinerary that I and all of the staff on the visit have completed safely and successfully many times before and using accommodation that we are also familiar with.

The focus will be on learning about French culture and using our French reading, listening and speaking skills alongside looking at the links the area of Normandy has with Britain through the Norman Conquest of 1066 and the D-Day Landings of World War 2. Students do not need to be studying French in their languages lessons in school to be able to apply for a place on the visit. While a detailed itinerary will follow later, an outline of the visits and activities we will take part in can be found at the end of this letter.

If you would like your child to take part payment of the £80 deposit is required at this stage. Deposit payments should be made online via Arbor. It can be found under the "School Shop" entitled "TRIP - Normandy 2025 Deposit".

The total cost is £595 subject to a minimum number of students participating. Future payments will be set up on Arbor for those who have their place confirmed. A sample payment schedule s shown below. More specific details will be confirmed once deposits have been paid:

Payment	Payment Amount	Payment Due By	Please ensure payments are kept up to date in line with this schedule. Late payments may jeopardise your child's place on the trip
1	£80*	Monday 11th November	
2	£200	February	
3	£200	May	
4	£115	June	

*This is non-refundable in any circumstance, once a place has been offered and if the trip takes place. Once a place is confirmed, if you withdraw your child from the trip for any reason, refunds will be at the discretion of the school and usually subject to another student filling the place.

If the residential is over-subscribed in the first instance preference will be given, in this order, to those who have fewest behaviour points, good school attendance, students who have not already been, or are due to go on a residential trip, then names will be drawn from a hat. **Students who have suspensions are not eligible to apply for this trip.** Students who are not allocated a place after this process will have their deposit returned.

*****Places will be confirmed by email as soon as possible after the Deposit payment closing date - midnight on Monday 11th November 2025*****



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Students will need a valid passport and EHI/GHI Card in order to travel. Students who hold a non-UK Passport will need to check for any additional entry requirements to visit France and apply accordingly. [Click here for the link to the French Embassy.](#)

As the UK is no longer a member of the European Union, we anticipate an ETIAS authorisation also being required prior to travel. Please click on the following link for further information relating to this. <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/etias/>.

An outline of the accommodation and travel details is shown below.

Parents/Carers and students will be invited to an evening meeting in school in the two weeks before the visit in order to outline specific details, hand in passports and meet with staff involved.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Godwin ggodwin@brookvalegroby.com or via the school telephone number, 0116 287 9921.

Yours faithfully

Greg Godwin
Senior Deputy Headteacher / Trip Leader

Outline of proposed activities for the 2024 visit

Travel to and from Normandy by coach, via The Channel Tunnel.
Full board accommodation for 4 nights in a centre designed for school visits.

William the Conqueror:

Visit to Falaise Castle – the home of William the Conqueror in his early years.
Visit to Bayeux to practise French at the market, visit the Cathedral, built by William's brother.

French culture

Visit to the beautiful harbour town of Honfleur
Improving and using our French to interact with the locals and to describe the places we visit.
Visit to a goat farm to feed the goats and taste their organic cheese.

World War II

Pegasus Bridge Museum - Scene of the first action on D-Day.
The British World War II Cemetery at Bayeux.
The 360 degree Cinema at Arranches - to experience what D-Day was like for all those involved.
The beach at Arranches – D-Day's "Gold Beach".
The cliff-top gun emplacements.
The German World War II Cemetery.
The American World War II Cemetery at "Omaha Beach".
The Gold Beach Museum, Arranches.

In the evenings, we'll meet to review what we've done, prepare for what we'll see the next day and bond through games and competitions and usually spend time at the nearby beach.