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18th October 2023

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Dear families,



Y6 Normandy Residential visits (3-8th June OR 10-15th June)

We are delighted to share with our school community some exciting news. We have been fortunate once again, to secure some funding through the Department for Education's Turing Scheme for Year 6 pupils across the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust Schools to participate in our Normandy residential next summer term. This visit will build on the success of our Y6 Normandy residential last year in enabling all Year 6 children to come together to support the transition to secondary school.

This residential will bring classroom learning to life through a variety of inspirational visits. Pupils will marvel at the Bayeux Tapestry, climb Mont St Michel, as well as visit the D-Day landing beaches and the magnificent new British Normandy Memorial. Pupils will deepen their knowledge of History, RE, Art, and PSHE whilst in France.

The Turing Scheme is the UK's global programme offering opportunities in education and training across the world and enabling pupils to develop new skills and gain international experience. This year, the Turing Scheme received 619 applications, an increase of 100 applications from last year. Whilst most applications from universities were successful, Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust was one of only 188 successful schools in England.

Mrs Underwood (DMAT Executive Principal/Simmons Hub Principal) led the residential to Normandy last summer and has considerable experience of leading this visit over 20 years. Mr Whittle (DMAT Lead Principal) also has great experience in leading large school residential. Both leaders are looking forward to meeting with parents and children in the coming weeks. Please join Mrs Underwood and Mr Whittle on 1st November at 6pm at Bridestowe Primary School so that you can hear more about the programme and ask any questions that you may have.

We will use the Turing funding, as well as additional fundraising activities, to cover the majority of costs. The total cost of the residential per child is estimated at £640 including the cost of coach and ferry travel, board and lodging (£611 per child), and all meals in France. All other costs, including art materials, journals, museum and attraction entry will amount to £39 each.

However, we are asking parents/carers who are able to, for voluntary contributions of £250 to be paid in instalments. Anyone wishing to participate in this residential who is experiencing financial difficulties should speak to their Principal /Hub Principal in confidence, as we may be able to access additional funding in particular circumstances. *No child will be excluded from participating in the residential on account of*

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parents/carers not being able to contribute. Pupils of parents who cannot contribute will not be treated any differently.

We will be asking for the first non-refundable instalment (£50) and permission slips to be returned by the 3rd November 2023. Subsequent payment dates will be the end of January, February, March and April 2024.

We have seen first-hand the positive impact that overseas residentials have on children's personal development, as well as their knowledge of the primary curriculum. We therefore hope that all our Year 6 pupils will be able to take part in this exciting opportunity. If there are any barriers that would prevent your child from joining us on this residential, please contact your school's Principal or Hub Principal so that we can work together to identify solutions.

Yours sincerely

Hub Principal

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