



Friday, 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents,

This is the final letter to confirm the details of the trip to Château du Molay, Normandy, from 15th to 19th June 2026. Please find below all the information that you will need for the upcoming trip, including a packing list of essential items.

We are travelling with Travelbound and your child will be insured through Zurich Insurance Company Ltd, the company used by Travelbound. You will not need to purchase additional insurance for your child. If you would like to see a copy of the policy, please [click here](#). Travelbound has recommended your child brings an EHIC/GHIC card on the trip. If you need to apply for one, you can do so on the NHS website using [this link](#).

We will be taking a coach from Ripley Court School, **departing at 7.20am** sharp on Monday 15th June, to Normandy, via the Eurotunnel. Please arrive at school promptly **between 6.00am – 6.15am**. On the morning of our departure, we ask for the following items to be brought to school in a named, clear zip-lock wallet and they will be signed over to your child's group leader:

- **your child's passport**
- **a photocopy of the photo page of your child's passport**
- **EHIC/GHIC card**
- **€50, in small denominations, in a named purse or wallet**
- **any medication needed for the trip and a completed Medication Form**

For the outward journey you will need to provide your child with a **nut-free** packed lunch, drinks, a full refillable water bottle, suitable clothing for the long journey and any games or books they would like for the coach. Please do not pack any valuables that could cause heartbreak if lost or damaged. We will be visiting Pegasus Bridge en route to the château, so please ensure your child is wearing suitable outdoor attire, including comfortable shoes, green school cap and sunscreen on the morning of departure. Your child should carry all the items they will need for this first day, including a jumper/sweatshirt and a waterproof coat, in their school backpack so they can access them easily during the journey and whilst at Pegasus Bridge.

Please be aware that room allocation and groups will not be announced until the day of travel.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Cochrane
Head of French

TRAVEL DETAILS

OUTWARD JOURNEY

Monday 15th June 2026

6.00-6.15am	Meet in the dining room at Ripley Court School
7.00am	Loading of coach – luggage and pupils
7.20am	Depart Ripley Court School
12.55pm	Arrive in Calais (local time)
5pm	Visit to Pegasus Bridge, Caen
8pm	Arrive at Le Château du Molay

RETURN JOURNEY

Friday 19th June 2026

After breakfast	Leave Le Château du Molay
2.55pm	Arrive in Folkestone, please expect an email to inform you of our ETA at Ripley Court School
5pm	Estimated arrival time at Ripley Court School

Transport: Air-conditioned, executive coach.

Who is coming?

- Mrs Cochrane (Party Leader)
- Mrs de Chaves
- Mrs Lenti
- A fourth member of staff will be confirmed after half term

Each member of staff will be allocated a group for whom they will be responsible throughout the trip (details of groups will be given on the morning of the trip).

Destination and Residence

Le Château du Molay, Route d'Isigny, 14330 Le Molay-Littry, France
(via Eurotunnel)

Packing List

Clothing and Luggage

(please ensure all luggage and clothing items are clearly named)

- 1 item of luggage, clearly named (this must be easily carried or wheeled along by your child unassisted)
- school backpack, named (obligatory)
- Ripley Court School cap (obligatory)
- refillable water bottle (already filled)
- a maximum of €60 in cash (to be handed in to staff at departure)

- money belt for valuables
- travel adaptors (if necessary)
- camera and charger (if desired)
- comfortable clothing for 5 days (trousers, waterproof trousers, warm jumpers or sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirts, short sleeve t-shirts, shorts, etc.)
- underwear for 5 days (plus two extra pairs of underwear and socks)
- a change of old clothes that you do not mind getting muddy
- nightwear
- waterproof jacket/coat
- sturdy, comfortable shoes for walking (closed toe)
- indoor shoes (such as crocs or indoor trainers)
- swimwear
- 1 swimming towel
- 1 bath towel
- 1 hand towel
- sunscreen
- sunglasses
- prescription medication for the duration of the trip (extra in case of loss)
- wet wipes and/or antibacterial hand wash gel
- toiletries (hairbands, hairbrush, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel etc.)
- insect repellent
- notepad and pen
- a book – for free time
- bin bag for dirty clothes

Essential Documentation

- valid passport
- a photocopy of the photo page of your child's passport
- relevant visa documentation (if necessary)
- GHIC/EHIC card

Please bring these documents, along with pocket money and any medication (including a completed medical form), in a **named**, zipped plastic wallet or similar. These should be handed to your child's group leader when you arrive in the dining room on Monday morning.

Pocket Money

There will be several opportunities for children to purchase items in France. We recommend no more than €10 a day, preferably in small denominations (e.g. €5 notes). Please ensure that all pocket money is handed to your child's group leader upon arrival at school on Monday morning. This money will be issued to the children daily by their group leader and children should bring a named purse or wallet in which to safely carry it each day.

Medication

Please ensure you have read the accompanying document titled 'Medication Procedure for Residential Trips 2026'. All medication must be accompanied by a completed 'Medication Form' and given to Mrs Cochrane on arrival at school on the Monday morning. Children should keep one asthma inhaler in their hand luggage, if applicable, and a spare should be handed to their group leader.

Games and Mobile Phones

As previously advised, mobile phones will not be allowed on the trip. Hand-held and travel games can be taken for use during the journey or in the evening. However, no responsibility will be taken for these items by Ripley Court School if lost or damaged. **Any device brought on the trip will remain the responsibility of the child.** Children are welcome to bring a camera. In the event that your child does not have a separate camera, each teaching group will have access to an iPad during the trip, on which they will be able to take photos. Any photos taken will be made available on their return.

Food and Drink for the Journey

Children must have a **hearty breakfast before** they come to school on Monday morning to set them up for the long day ahead. Please provide your child with a **nut-free** packed lunch for Monday 15th June ensuring that all items are securely sealed. The coach driver will arrange appropriate stops throughout the journey, both in the UK and in France, for refreshments and toilet breaks.

Safety

For safety reasons, all children are required to wear their green school cap and use their school backpack at all times when we are out and about. This helps us to easily identify our pupils. In addition, each child will be given an “I am lost” card and lanyard. If they become separated from the group, they should show this to a responsible adult. The card includes instructions in both French and English on how to contact the group.

Discipline

School rules will apply for the duration of the trip, and we reserve the right to keep children at the Château, with a member of staff, if there is any unsatisfactory behaviour. Please be reminded that the children will be representing the school, therefore, please ensure they dress appropriately.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have any concerns while your child is away, please contact Ripley Court School Reception between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm. In an emergency only, outside of school hours, please contact Mr Ryan on 07356 045533, who will, in turn, contact members of staff directly, if necessary.