

A black and white historical photograph showing a group of soldiers in a landing craft during the Normandy invasion. The soldiers are wearing M1 helmets and combat uniforms, looking out towards the beach. The landing craft is on the water, and the beach with some structures is visible in the background.

NORMANDY VISIT

15 – 18 OCTOBER 2026

WELCOME

THANK YOU

We have been running this trip for a number of years, and we know that it is down to parents/carers parting with their hard-earned cash that we are able to take your child on what we hope will be an informative and fun trip.

FOOD!

- **Thursday - service stations**
- **Friday - breakfast on the ferry (£), lunch out (£), dinner at hotel**
- **Saturday – breakfast at the hotel, lunch out (£), dinner at the hotel**
- **Sunday - breakfast at the hotel, food on the ferry (£)**
- **Saturday and Sunday we have packed lunch**

MORE FOOD!!

- We also carry snacks for all on the coach with us (drinks, chocolate and crisps). Please tell us asap if your child has any allergies which would prevent them having a kit kat, crisps or orange/apple juice.**
- We will also be provided with a small packed lunch by the hotel for Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the day.**

Before lessons on Thursday 15 October

- Take your bags to GP1-at the other end of the medical corridor
- Your bags will be securely locked away for the school day-you will not be able to access them
- Do not carry your passport around with you all day
- Leave your class at 3:00 pm to nip to the toilet and collect your bags

What to pack

- On the Thursday we sleep on the ferry
- You cannot take a big suitcase on the ferry
- You need to pack an overnight bag with all the things you need Thursday after school, overnight and all day Friday
- Think clothes, towels, medication, coat, change of shoes etc

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

- Students to meet on the main bus playground at 3:05 pm.
- We will be staying in a cabin on Thursday night. Students will not be able to access their suitcase until we get to the hotel, so a 'day bag' is essential
- Have passports/GHIC cards ready to be checked before we leave.
- Do not bring loads of sweets (but do bring snacks)

THE JOURNEY

- **Coach to head straight to Portsmouth for the ferry.**
- **As long as time allows we will stop at a service station where you will get food but....if the worse was to happen and we were running late you might want to think about eating at lunch/snacks.**
- **Overnight cabins-pretty much straight to bed. Everything will be closed and it will be late.**

On the ferry

- They have 'guards' who patrol the corridors at night so people do not go wandering.
- An alarm will sound in the morning (and you cannot turn it off).
- Up and dressed as quick as you can. Make your way up to have some breakfast and then meet to go down to the coach together.

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

- First stop is Pegasus Bridge and the Pegasus Bridge Museum.
- Ranville Cemetery.
- Gold Beach.
- Arromanches and the Mulberry Harbour.
- St. Come museum and 360 degree cinema.
- German gun battery.
- On to the hotel.



AT THE HOTEL

- We will arrive at the hotel late evening.
- It will take a little while to sort rooms/keys so students should be patient.
- Students will then have time to unpack, shower etc.
- We will expect the students to be on their best behaviour in the hotel as there will be other guests.
- After a long day we will expect students to get some much needed sleep.

AT THE HOTEL

- After dinner students will be able to use the communal area where you will be allowed free time.
- We expect students to stay in this communal area unless they are upstairs in their own rooms having a shower etc
- We will regularly walk the corridors and do not expect to find you in anyone else's room but your own.

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

- Omaha Beach
- American Cemetery
- Point du Hoc
- St Mere Eglise and the American Airborne Museum.
- German Cemetery.
- Return to the hotel for the evening meal.



BOWLING

- Saturday night.
- Students have the opportunity to go bowling for approx. 10 euros.
- There are also have pool tables and arcade games that can be used.
- And.....it is Halloween Celebration Night so there is a lot of weird and wonderful things happening at the bowling alley-should be fun!

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

- Memorial Peace Museum
- Bienvillers Cemetery
- AMVC's respect for the fallen.
- Coach to Dunkirk for 17:00 ferry.
- Return to AMVC at around 21:00 Sunday night.



ON THE FERRY

- We will all get off the coach together taking note of the stair number/colour for the parking zone.
- We will arrange a meeting point on the ferry and tell students where staff can be found.
- Students can explore the ferry but must stay in groups of three and be on best behaviour! Use food voucher to eat.

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER

- You have to come to school on Monday morning.
- I realise you will have had very little sleep, but you are in Year 11 and cannot afford to miss lessons.

ANYTHING EXTRA?

- Banking/cash/cards/phone
- Contacting home
- Check weather
- Medication in overnight bag
- Insurance
- Pre-existing medical conditions
- Allergies

ANYTHING EXTRA?

- Don't forget to pack a 'day bag'.
- Don't forget your European plug.
- Don't forget your Euro's/bank card
- Don't forget any medication/travel sick pills.
- Don't forget your European health card.
- And.....Don't forget your passport!

Thank you once again, we are really looking forward to an amazing trip!