

# Walmer Science College

A Specialist College for Science and Mathematics

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June 2009

Dear Parent / Carer

**Summary of points from the Parents' Evening, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, for the Loire Valley  
Study Visit, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

I have summarised the main points covered during the meeting for your information. If there are any other questions or concerns that you may have, or wish to give us any information regarding your son / daughter / ward please do not hesitate to contact me.

- The trip is cross-curricular with most of the learning being hands-on or in context.
- Staff supervising on the trip are as follows:
  - Mrs Stavri – trip leader (and first aider)
  - Mrs Lawrence-Hearn – deputy leader
  - Mr Stavri - Numeracy
  - Mr Watson – French/Sports
  - Mrs Hatfield – Technology and Craft
  - Mr Ash – Science
- The centre is self-contained in grounds about three kilometres from the nearest village. The centre address is:  
*La Saulaie LVT  
Chédigny 37310  
France  
Tel 0033247925146 (emergencies only – ask for Mrs Stavri, Walmer Science College)*
- Rooms and corridors are lockable with panic release locks. A night warden is on duty from midnight to 7am and will patrol the grounds. He will not enter the corridors unless in an emergency.
- Staff rooms will be on the same floor as students. Students' rooms will be single sex, in twos, threes or fours. They will not be allowed into each others' rooms and are expected to keep their rooms tidy.
- The nearest large town is Loches.
- Students will be assigned a group leader in single sex rooms.
- Students will be in a group of no more than 11 per leader and that leader will register them at key points on each excursion, in addition to the general headcount.
- Students will be shown the boundaries of where they may go at unsupervised moments and given a meeting time and place. They will always be in groups of three or more.
- Students whose behaviour puts themselves or others in danger will be placed under greater supervision and parents contacted. Students may also be excluded for one or more of the excursions. In extreme cases they may be escorted back to Britain at the parent's expense
- A risk assessment is available on request if you wish to look at our safety precautions in more detail. (Contact the school office)
- The KCC insurance is limited to covering such events as expenses incurred through injury where not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. It is unlikely to cover loss of personal items such as mobile phones or PSPs. Please do not bring items that are expensive.
- Students do not need to bring much spending money. Usual purchases include sweets at the sweet factory, a bottle of wine at the wine cellars (stored in a locked compartment and handed to parents on arrival), a phone card and souvenirs. We will not be operating a banking service for students and it may not be possible to exchange money during the trip.
- If the group is delayed on the return a message will be posted on the school gate.

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## Parent's checklist

- Check that child's passport is in date and hand it to the school office by 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Obtain a European Health Insurance Card and hand it to the school office by 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Inform us of any changes in medical information or contact details since the original form was sent in.
- Label any medication with name, dose and any other instructions and hand to the group leader on the morning of departure.
- Obtain a spare asthma pump if necessary.
- Exchange currency if necessary.
- Check students have packed everything they need into one medium –sized suitcase or holdall plus a day bag (a list of suggested items was enclosed with the last letter, but do not forget sun cream and hat, sensible shoes, a waterproof jacket and warm sweater, swimming costume and towel, PE kit and pencil case, a drink for the journey). School uniform is not required.
- We are meeting in the lay-by near the cricket ground at 7am on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July and will return to Walmer at 9.30am on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July.

I hope you find this information helpful and your son / daughter / ward enjoys the trip.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs K Stavri**  
**Trip Organiser**



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