



15th September 2022

Dear Families,

Y6 French Trip (14th-18th May or 11th-15th July 2023)

I am delighted to share with our school community some exciting news. We have secured funding for all Year 6 pupils across the Dartmoor Multi Academy Schools to participate on a residential in France next summer term. Following a rigorous and competitive application process, Mrs Jordan (Trust French Lead) and Mrs Underwood (Trust Executive Principal) received the news that all travel, accommodation and visit costs for 230 pupils and 50 staff will be covered by the government's Turing Scheme funding.

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 513 applications, a significant increase on last year. Whilst most applications from universities were successful, DMAT was one of only 4 schools in the South West which was awarded a grant through this highly competitive application process.

Mrs Jordan and Mrs Underwood have considerable experience in leading school trips to Normandy and have planned an exciting programme that:

- enables pupils to **deepen their knowledge** of History, RE, Art, and PSHE. This trip 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.
- ensures all Year 6 pupils can **experience foreign travel** and life in France. It goes without saying that pupils will further develop their confidence to speak French through interactions with shop and market stall holders as well as pupils at partner French schools.
- unites our Year 6 pupils in preparation for **transition to secondary school**. Pupils will develop friendships across the Trust as they live and learn together throughout the trip.

Please join me, Mrs Jordan and Mrs Underwood on Tuesday 4th October at 3.45pm at Boasley Cross Primary School so that you can hear more about the staffing, accommodation and the full programme, as well as ask any questions that you may have. We have seen first-hand the positive impact that foreign residential have on children's personal development and confidence, as well as their learning. We therefore hope that all our Year 6 pupils will be able to participate on this exciting opportunity. If there are any barriers that would prevent your child from joining us on this residential, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can work together to identify solutions.

Yours sincerely



Adam Hill
Principal