Year 9 and Year 12 – Bienheureux au Château de la Baudonnière

October brought a wonderful mix of sunshine and showers for our French immersion trip, but the changeable weather certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits!

From the moment we stepped aboard the ferry, the French experience began. There was plenty of time to catch up with friends, enjoy each other's company and, of course, immerse ourselves in French language and culture. New vocabulary was being picked up at every opportunity, and students quickly grew in confidence using their French in real-life situations.

There were some delicious culinary adventures along the way, too! Students bravely sampled traditional French snails and enjoyed the hands-on experience of making their own bread. By the end of the trip, everyone was becoming quite the expert in French dinner-table conversation!





Of course, there was plenty of fun and laughter alongside the learning. The mud run provided some particularly memorable moments, with Tarzan making a spectacular appearance as he swung his way through the mud! There were countless funny moments, plenty of muddy faces and memories.



An unexpected power cut also led to an evening with a difference. Undeterred, students organised an impromptu talent show by torchlight, creating a wonderfully atmospheric evening full of entertainment and laughter. And who could forget Mr Salvidge's starring

role as *Le Plus Grand Magicien de Swindon*? His magical talents certainly added to the entertainment!



Our visit to Saint-Malo was particularly exciting, coinciding with the start of the famous Route du Rhum. This gave our Sixth Form students a fantastic opportunity to put their language skills into practice, interviewing tourists as part of their *Patrimoine* topic.

A brilliant blend of language learning, cultural experiences, friendship, resilience and hilarious moments. An October adventure to remember – *magnifique!*

Thank you to our colleagues Madame Gudefin and Mr Salvidge



