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Dear Family,

Strive for 5 Visit to Calais
Friday 11 December 2026

I am pleased to inform you that we are organising a shopping trip to Calais, France on Friday 11 December 2026 as one of our Strive For Five rewards experiences.

The provisional itinerary is as follows:

- Depart from Thorns 2:00am
- Travel from the academy to Folkstone by coach
- Ferry from Folkstone to Calais
- Shopping at Cite Europe shopping centre
- Visit to Calais city centre
- Ferry from Calais to Folkstone
- Return to the academy at approximately 23:00

The cost of the trip is **£75.00**. This includes transport and travel insurance.

Students **MUST** have their own passports with a minimum of 6 months validity from December 2026. In addition to the cost of the trip students will need sufficient spending money to cover the cost of food and drink for the duration of the trip, as well as anything else they want to purchase whilst there.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on the visit, please complete the form below. Applications will close at 19:00 on Wednesday 21 October:

Application Form

When offering places we will consider a student's Strive for Five score, behaviour around the academy, attitude to learning, punctuality and attendance. In the event of the visit being oversubscribed, students will be asked to put themselves into pairs and pairs of names will be drawn from a hat.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail using the email address jblackadder@tca.shirelandcat.net.

Yours sincerely,

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