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11th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Ypres and the Somme Trip from 26/09/2017 to 29/09/2017**

Please find below the travel details and information for the Year 9 visit to the First World War Battlefields from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

I would like to remind you that students need **their own passport** for travel as well as a valid EHIC card. Therefore I am asking for students to make sure that they have brought in a photocopy of their passport and EHIC card, so that I can confirm that they have them ready for the trip. If there are any problems at all please contact the school office immediately.

**Departure**

Students will need to arrive at school at 4.45.am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The coach will depart at 5.00 am. If anybody is late we will be unable to wait due to the booking that we have for the Channel Tunnel. On arrival at the school I will be collecting all passports and EHIC cards from students **before** the board they coach. **Students without these documents will not be able to travel under UK law.**

**Return**

We should arrive back at school at 7.30 pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Should this time be any different, we will arrange for students to telephone you from a motorway service station. If you hear nothing assume the arrival time is 7.30 pm. Please make sure that you arrive on time to collect your child.

**What to take**

- Students should wear sensible clothing. This trip is all outdoors and the weather at this time of year is likely to be wet as well as cold.
- Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and sensible shoes.
- They will also need a pair of wellington boots if they wish to go into the trenches. Students without boots will be unable to walk the trenches.
- These boots should be clearly labelled with your child's name and should be placed in a plastic carrier bag (boots must be separate from the main luggage).
- All boots will be stored in the coach's luggage compartment for the duration of the trip.
- Toiletries and a bath towel, along with changes of clothes and underwear should also be packed.
- Slippers should be packed for use in the Youth Hostel (shoes cannot be worn indoors. The floor is stone, so very cold and slippery!).

- Other items such as cameras may also be brought on the trip. Please note that the care and security of any personal items taken on the trip are the responsibility of the student.
- Please ensure that your child has plenty of food and drink for the journey.
- The coach journey is very long and our first meal will not be provided until we check into our accommodation in Ypres.
- We will probably stop at service stations and the Eurotunnel terminal, where it will be possible to purchase food and drink.
- The last meal on Day 4 will be a packed lunch provided by the Youth Hostel.
- Students will need sterling and euros. Euros can be ordered from any bank or post office. It is your responsibility to order any foreign currency for your child (a budget of £10 a day will be plenty!).
- Students will need English money to buy food during the return journey.
- Spending money could also be brought for souvenirs. However, many shops in Ypres, including the chocolate shop, will accept sterling.
- Please remind your child that they are not to buy any items that date from the war e.g. shells etc. These items may not have been checked for safety and they would need special permission to be brought back into the country.

#### **Contact Details**

In Ypres we will be staying at: CJT DE IEP

Poperingseweg 34  
B-8900 Ieper  
Belgium  
Tel: 00 32 (0) 5720 8811

In Emergency

During normal school hours telephone Mrs Gaston or Ms Conway on: 01981 550231

Or

Out of school hours please ring Ms Conway on the school mobile: 07785467570

Please complete the slip below and return to me at school to acknowledge receipt of this letter, also the enclosed Parental Consent Forms. If you have any queries, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



Mr M J Eggerton  
Head of Humanities



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**Guided History Tour of the First World War Battlefields**

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Name of Student .....

Form .....

I acknowledge receipt of the letter dated 11th September 2017 detailing arrangements for the above trip.

Signed ..... parent/ carer

Date.....

Please return this slip to Mr Eggerton by Friday 15th September 2017

