



13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Re: Essential Information for the First World War Battlefields Trip

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2019

As we complete the preparations for our trip, I wish to share some important information with you.

The itinerary for our visit is very full and therefore it is essential that pupils come fully equipped and know what to expect.

### Itinerary

A detailed itinerary is attached.

Pupils must be at school by **5.30am** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

We are expected to arrive back at school at **8.30pm** approximately on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Should we be delayed on the return journey you will receive a phone call, when we reach the nearest services, telling you of our new estimated arrival time. If your child does not take their mobile phone with them on the trip, they will be able to use the school mobile phone.

### Food/Accommodation

We are staying in a comfortable hotel in Ypres between the 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October. The first meal pupils will receive is on the Thursday evening, after our arrival at the hotel at 6.00pm. **Therefore, it is essential that pupils bring sufficient food and drink with them to last until their first meal (refreshment stops will be made en route).**

All other food is provided up to lunch on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will need to purchase food for their tea on this day and they will be given the opportunity to buy food on the return journey.

**NB. The hotel does not provide pupils with towels and toiletries, so pupils will need to bring these with them.**

**Pupils should not bring aerosols with them.**

### Equipment/Clothing

The visit involves a lot of walking out of doors, sometimes through muddy battlefield sites. Pupils will need to bring the following items:



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Warm outdoor clothing

Waterproof Coat

Trousers

Wellington boot/spare waterproof shoes or walking boots (These are essential and should be put in a separate plastic bag and labelled with their owner's name. They must not be packed with the rest of the luggage as they might be needed before we get to our accommodation on the first night.)

A small bag or rucksack for carrying packed lunches / workbooks / paper / money etc

Pens / Pencils / Paper

Towels and toiletries

## Money

Pupils will need to bring with them no more than 60 Euros and a small amount of British sterling. They will need money only for refreshments and food on the outward and homeward journeys and for any souvenirs / information booklets etc they wish to purchase. There is little opportunity for shopping during the visit, although we will probably visit a chocolate shop in Belgium. Pupils must be responsible for their own money throughout the journey.

## Personal Items

If pupils wish to bring personal music players, mobile phones, cameras etc they must be responsible for them. Any insurance claim made against lost property automatically incurs a £30 penalty.

NST insurance **does not** cover the loss or theft of mobile phones.

Pupils must not be listening to music at any time during a visit or whilst staff are speaking to them on the coach and explaining the significance of each site they visit.

## Behaviour expectations

The success of the trip relies on the good behaviour of all pupils. We expect the highest standards of behaviour and courteousness throughout the visit. Any misbehaviour will be dealt with severely as we cannot allow the selfishness of any individual to spoil the enjoyment of the rest of the party. This is an educational tour and all pupils will be expected to participate in all activities throughout their trip.

**The consumption of alcohol and smoking of cigarettes is strictly forbidden at all times.**



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## Accompanying Adults

Mrs K Lewis (Humanities Faculty) Party Leader

Mrs A Gibson (Humanities Faculty)

Mr J Lewis (Creative Faculty)

Mr M Hirani (IT Faculty)

All accompanying adults have been CRB checked.

## Transport / Safety

We are travelling with NST travel, which is one of the leading travel groups for educational tours in the country. Each child has adequate travel insurance included in the price of the trip. However, any claim made against the insurance automatically incurs a £30 penalty.

We are travelling by coach to Folkstone, from where we will catch the Eurotunnel crossing.

Pupils must wear seatbelts at all times when the coach is moving. In France, on the spot fines are becoming more common for passengers not wearing seatbelts, with fines of up to 750 Euros being imposed. All individuals over the age of 13 are personally responsible for the payment of such fines.

Security on entering the Eurotunnel is very tight and sniffer dogs sometimes board the coaches (as happened on previous visits). Therefore, pupils who have made illegal purchases will have goods confiscated and this might mean that we miss our crossing.

## Emergencies

In the event of a real emergency, where you must contact your child immediately, please contact school if it is between 9.00am-4.00pm. The office staff have our contact details. If it is out of school hours contact this number:-

07923498086

However, this number is only to be used in the case of extreme emergencies. You will only be contacted by staff if there is a problem and will not be notified when we arrive in France.

## Passports and EHIC cards

Every pupil must have their individual passport and European Health Insurance Card in their hand luggage. Staff will check these before we leave school, so they must be easily accessible.



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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

We look forward to a successful trip and feel sure this tour will have a lasting impact on your sons/daughters.

Yours faithfully,

K.M.Lewis

(Head of History)