

21 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the current circumstances and the uncertainty of the Government allowing educational visits abroad in the autumn, we have taken the decision to move the Battlefields trip to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 (instead of October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020). This has meant a small administration charge of £3 per person, but I am sure you understand our decision in these times of uncertainty.

As you will be aware on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, the UK ends the transition period to leave the EU. Therefore, it is uncertain whether the EHIC will be valid in 2021 and we will update you as soon as the Government announces what will happen with reciprocal health agreements.

As a reminder, every student attending the trip **MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT** with at least **6 months remaining** from the date of travel.

As the overall cost has increased to £78 pp, if you have currently only paid the deposit, please ensure you have paid the remaining monies by November 2020 (£43 remaining). If you have paid £70, please pay £3 by November.

A reminder of the itinerary is below. The company we will be travelling with is Halsbury Travel and their website is [www.halburys.com](http://www.halburys.com).

#### **Outbound**

04.30: Coach arrives at school for departure at 05.00.

#### **Itinerary**

- Drive to Zonnebeke and visit the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917
- Time for group to eat packed lunches
- Drive to Tyne Cot and visit the Commonwealth Cemetery
- Drive to Langemark and visit the German Cemetery
- Continue to Ypres and have time to explore the town and visit the Chocolate Shop
- Visit the Menin Gate Memorial before meeting the coach

#### **Inbound**

21.00 Arrive back at school

If you have any questions or queries about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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History Teacher