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Principal - Mr T Beesley

8th September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 History Visit to Belgium, Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May 2023

The College is organising a History trip to the First World War Battlefields in Belgium during May half term. This is something we have always offered Year 10 students at the end of their first year of GCSE History. Whilst this is not a compulsory part of their GCSE course it compliments their study of Conflict and Tension: The First World War as we visit many of the sites learnt about in lesson.

The cost of the trip will be £510. The trip includes:

- All travel included
- Exclusive NST accommodation at Château d'Ebblinghem
- Travel insurance
- All meals
- Visit to The Site of Christmas Truce
- Visit to Hooge Crater Museum & Trenches
- WW1 Artefacts Viewing at Le Chateau
- Visit to Hill 60 & Caterpillar Crater
- Visit to Menin Gate & the Last Post Ceremony
- Visit to Langemark Cemetery
- Visit to Tyne Cot British Cemetery

The total cost of the trip is £510 and this is based on 45 paying students and so is subject to change if there are less students that sign up. As there are only 45 spaces available to the whole of Year 10 GCSE cohort, places will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you are interested and would like to book a place on the trip for your child, please pay an £75 deposit through ParentPay and provide consent at the same time by Friday 29th September. Please find out if your child's friends are going on the trip beforehand as deposits are non-transferable or refundable. If there are no spaces available and your child would like to be added to the waiting list please email l.roberts@allhallows.org.uk. If you have concerns over cost or are in receipt of free school meals and would like assistance with payment, please contact the Finance department finance@allhallows.org.uk.

Payment Schedule –

29/09/2022 - £75

09/12/2022 - £110

06/01/2023 - £110

10/02/2023 - £110

10/03/2023 - £105

Important information regarding passport requirements, Travel Insurance, Brexit and Covid-19

Please note the following information: -

1. **Since Brexit, the main change has been to do with passport validity – parents and students will be responsible for ensuring they have the correct period of validity prior to travel. Students will need a passport with 6 months validity left.** If students do not have this they run the risk of being



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turned away at the channel crossing and the school cannot pay any compensation. Now is the time to apply for a new passport if this is the case.

2. **Students should also have an GHIC card.** The EHIC card has been replaced by the GHIC card, which can be applied for online prior to departure.

3. **Currently there is no requirements regarding COVID, however, we cannot guarantee that this will not change. Ideally, students would be double vaccinated but this is currently not a requirement.**

If you pull out of the trip you may lose all monies paid and be liable for any costs incurred by the school except in circumstances when your reason is covered by the insurance e.g. medical issues.

As with all trips out of college, we expect the highest standards of behaviour. We reserve the right to remove a student from the fieldtrip or if their behaviour in college ahead of the trip is very poor. This would be a serious concern in terms of health and safety on this school trip. There would be no refund on payment if the student is removed from the trip on poor behaviour grounds.

Yours sincerely Mr J.Eardley

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