

AD/AM/NB

February 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 11 Educational Visit to the Somme Battlefields – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

I would like to confirm your son/daughter's place on the day visit to Vimy Ridge and the Somme Battlefields, and to thank you for your prompt response to the initial letter with regard to the payment and passports.

All that remains now is for me to confirm details of the day, and to ask you to attend to the following.

I would like to remind you that each student will need their own passport and will have to obtain a European Health Insurance Card. This card will allow your child to receive free treatment should any emergency arise while we are in France. You can apply for this card online at [www.ehic.org](http://www.ehic.org) or dial the NHS direct line on 0845 606 2030. I will hold the students' passports and health cards for the duration of the visit.

A meeting will be held for those students going on the trip and their parents at 3.00 pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in room H3 in the English and Humanities Centre at which I will collect their passports and European Health Cards. Any student without the relevant documentation will be unable to travel on the day. If parents are unable to attend and would like to discuss any issues with me, please contact the school.

The coach will depart school at 4.45 am prompt, so please ensure your child is there in good time (no earlier than 4.30 please), although I appreciate the early start to the day! Although Spring will be with us, please also ensure that your child is appropriately dressed in clothing suitable for wet and windy weather, which is always likely in northern France. The minimum they will need is a change of shoes, or preferably walking, hiking or Wellington boots. They will also need a plastic bag to keep muddy shoes in so that the coach remains clean. I also recommend a change of trousers, as students often slip and get wet or muddy.

Please note that much of the day will be spent visiting cemeteries and gravesites. As such a certain standard of behaviour and dress is expected from students, which will be discussed at the meeting.

Breakfast will be available at the Eurotunnel Terminal and there will be an opportunity to purchase an evening meal on our return journey at the Cité de Europe shopping complex, time permitting. A hot lunch at Café le Tommy in Pozières has also been arranged and is inclusive in the price. Any dietary requirements will need to be notified to me on the attached slip. Students may bring snacks with them, but this will be discussed further at the meeting. No more than twenty pounds sterling pocket money is usually necessary on trips of this nature and if not already done, this can be exchanged for Euros at a reasonable rate at the Eurotunnel Terminal.

We should arrive back at school between 9.30 and 10.00 pm on the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> March all being well.

In case of emergency could you please complete the tear off slip below with the details requested and ensure it is returned to me by the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

May I again thank you for your co-operation in all matters relating to this trip and please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

A Mallett  
Party Leader

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To: Mr A Mallett, Abbs Cross School and Arts College

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical problems/medication required: \_\_\_\_\_

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