



Trip to the Belgium Battlefields – Friday 18th October 2019

IMPORTANT: Details of trip below

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to confirm that your son/daughter has secured a place on the History trip to the battlefields and war cemeteries around the Belgian town of Ypres. (We will send out a reminder of these details by EduLink before the visit.)

Students are asked to arrive at school by **6.15am**. This time is dictated by the Eurotunnel booking, we won't be able to wait for any late arrivals.

We will meet outside the school entrance. We are scheduled to return to the school at 00.30am. Parents should meet children in the same place.

Parents can track the progress of the coach on LJ Edwards website: www.ljedwards.co.uk/tracking. On the return trip we will also remind students to text when the coach is about 30 minutes away from Willingdon.

A reminder that your child **must bring his/her passport and their health card**. If they do not bring these items on the day, they will not be able to travel. (Please note that he/she will be responsible for looking after his/her passport for the duration of the trip.)

Students are reminded to bring a waterproof coat in case of rain and layers that can be removed when inside. Please check the weather forecast for Ypres the evening before.

Please also ensure your child has a spare pair of shoes/wellies and trousers/jeans if they wish to explore the trenches at Hill 62. Muddy shoes and clothing can be stowed beneath the coach on the return journey.

Please ensure that your child brings:

1. Euros to purchase small souvenirs and chocolates if desired etc. (no more than 30 Euros).
2. Enough food and drink for the day. Hot food can be purchased in Ypres town in the evening. NB No hot food is permitted on the coach.
3. If medication is needed during the day this must be handed to the first aider on arrival at the school.
4. Please note that if your child wishes to bring their mobile phone and they will be responsible for it during the trip. The school will not be responsible for loss or damage to mobile phones.
5. If your child is prone to travel-sickness, please ensure that he/she takes their tablets prior to the journey. It would also be a good idea to carry some plastic bags, just in case.
6. Although your child will be in a group with a teacher when appropriate, please can you remind him/her of the need to be very careful when crossing roads and to remember that traffic travels on the right in Belgium.
7. Sensible behaviour is expected by all students at all times.

Please note: Poor behaviour/low attendance are not tolerated at Willingdon Community School therefore, the school reserves the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour/attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Ellwood
Trip Organiser