



30 November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

France and Belgium Day Trip

Your son/daughter is currently studying GCSE History in Year 10/11. The new GCSE History specification requires students to undertake a study of a 'Historic Environment'. In our case, that historic environment will be the British Sector of the Western Front focusing on surgery and treatment. In order to fully facilitate this, we are taking Year 10 students on a day trip to France and Belgium to see first-hand the route taken by First World War casualties. We will be accompanied by two experienced guides from Anglia Battlefield Tours.

The coach will depart from the school at **5.20am prompt** and return at **9.00pm**. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them and there will be opportunities for students to purchase food for their evening meal later in the day.

Whilst this visit is not a compulsory part of the GCSE, we do think that it will play a crucial role in consolidating student understanding of the topic. The visit will take place on **Thursday 9 May 2019**. The cost of the trip will be **£90**. A deposit of **£45** is due by **Friday 14 December**. The remaining **£45** will need to be paid by **Friday 15 February**.

Passport

All students must have their own valid passport. We would ask you please to forward a copy of the details page to Finance Office by **Friday 14 December 2018**. We have to supply a list of names (exactly as it appears on their passport as any changes will incur a charge) to enable the tour company to book the Eurotunnel crossing. Passports must have at least **6 months** validity from the date of the trip.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

All students must have a European Health Insurance Card. Please bring a copy of the card to the Finance Office by **Friday 14 December**.

Apply:

- online at www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/healthcareabroad/ehic
- by telephone on 0300 3301350
- [Download an application form](#) (PDF, 122kb) and return it to the NHS Business Services Authority, which processes all applications.

Post to:

NHS Business Services Authority
European Health Insurance Card
EHIC Applications
Bridge House
152 Pilgrim Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 6SN

If you anticipate any problems that may delay you returning this information (passport & EHIC card) to us, please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible.

In order for this visit to take place, we request a voluntary contribution of **£90** to cover the costs. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions.

If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in this activity, please return the parental consent form to the Finance Office, along with the deposit of **£45 (or full payment of £90)** by **Friday 14 December**. Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office, alternatively online via ParentMail +Pay. **(Please be aware if you are paying by ParentMail +Pay you will still need to return the parental consent form)** to the Finance Office or email to finance.office@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk

Please note all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

If you are, at present, experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance towards the cost of the trip, please make a written request to Mr Hunter, Headteacher, by **Monday 10 December 2018**.

Spaces on this trip are limited.

Should you have any further questions about this trip or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on: sara.grierson@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



Ms Sara Grierson
Deputy Headteacher