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Dear Parents,

Year 9 Trip to Ypres: Friday 16th October 2009

I am pleased to confirm that the trip to Ypres can go ahead. Below are the details for the day:

- The coaches have to leave school promptly at 04.00. We hope to be back at school between 10.30pm and 11.00pm. Those girls who have mobile phones will be asked to call you when we are about one hour from the school to give you an estimated time of arrival. A school mobile phone will be available to those girls who do not have their own mobile phone.
- It will not be possible for any girl to be picked up by parents at any point between Dover and Chelmsford, as this would cause long delays and inconvenience all the other parents waiting in Chelmsford.
- The girls will need to bring some provisions for the journey, though they will be able to purchase food and drink on the ferry.
- The girls are not required to wear school uniform but should bear in mind that we shall be doing a fair amount of walking and should wear appropriate clothing. It is hard to say what the weather will be like on the visit, but if there is any likelihood of rain, girls should have an umbrella and waterproof clothing with them. Please discuss suitable clothing with your daughter and ensure that she is dressed appropriately for visiting muddy World War I trenches. They will also need to bring a pair of Wellingtons (or something suitable) in a carrier bag as they will spend some time in trenches that may be muddy. Wellingtons must be named.
- There may be time to do some shopping in Ypres at the end of the day. However, it is not advisable to bring large amounts of money.
- If any student is ill the day/night before the trip, it is probably advisable that she does not go.



- If you decide that you do not wish your daughter to take part in this visit, she will need to attend school as usual and a programme of activities will be organised for her.
- In the light of any disruption caused to the trip for example, because of severe weather, students will be notified the day before whether the trip will still go ahead.
- Students will be completing a written task after their visit on the significance of Remembrance.
- If you have queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
- It is expected that the students will behave appropriately at all times and it is absolutely imperative that your daughter obeys all instructions given to her by staff for her own safety and the successful organisation of the trip. If the behaviour of a student is such that Health and Safety is jeopardised, parents will be contacted and asked to make arrangements to collect their daughter and take her home. Your attention is drawn to the school's Code of Conduct.
- PASSPORT AND EHIC

Your daughter must have her own passport and individual EHIC card for this visit and these **must** be handed in to Mrs Nourse, who will be in **room 3 from 8:15 - 0.900** as follows:

9H and 9S Monday 5th October

9C and 9G Tuesday 6th October

Passports will be held securely in school until the trip and will be returned to students once we are back in England on the 16th October.

We would ask that you ensure that your daughter brings in the documentation by the required dates which are absolute deadlines. You will appreciate the need to keep additional administrative tasks, such as chasing information, to a minimum in a busy school.

If there are any problems with this please notify me, as soon as possible, in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Dr H Graham
Head of History