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Dear Parent/Carer

## TRIP TO BATTLEFIELDS- BELGIUM

I am delighted to confirm that the Battlefields trip is now fully booked. There will be approximately 21 students in the group and 3 members of staff. The details of the trip are as follows:

- Meet at Beckfoot Oakbank at midnight between the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – meet at the top of the school drive on Oakworth Road.
- Depart school Monday morning: 12.30am on the 15<sup>th</sup> July for P&O Ferry Terminal, Dover, via coach.
- Cost includes: All travel/transport, full board hotel accommodation, evening meals, visit to Langemark German Cemetery, visit to Tyne Cot British Cemetery, visit to the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 – Zonnebeke, walk the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, visit at Vimy Ridge (Parc Mémorial Canadien), visit to Lochnagar Crater, visit the Thiepval Memorial & Visitors Centre, visit to Newfoundland Park, visit to the Ulster Tower, visit at Sanctuary Wood (Hill 62 Museum, visit to Essex Farm Cemetery & Dressing Station.
- Expected return to Beckfoot Oakbank at 11pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Please collect your child from the top of the school drive on Oakworth Road.
- **NB. Due to the late arrival time on the 17<sup>th</sup>, all students who have attended the Battlefields trip will be allowed some more time to rest, and school will start at 10.30am on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Students must sign in via student reception for a prompt 10.30 start.**
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July in school 8.30am until 2.40pm

**All students must have a valid passport and a valid European Health Insurance Card. Passports must have a minimum 6 months from the date of return i.e. as the trip returns on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, passports must be valid until at least 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

The EHIC is free and you can apply for it online at [www.EHIC.org.uk](http://www.EHIC.org.uk). It can take some time for the card to come through so please ensure you apply for this in good time. Please complete the enclosed indemnity form and behaviour agreement, including the section which indicates the situation in relation to possession of a current valid passport and EHIC .

The weather in July can be very hot, please make sure your child takes sunscreen and a hat and told to drink plenty of water. We will be spending a lot of time on foot and therefore appropriate footwear is recommended.

As the cost includes full board, lunches are provided, students will need to bring a small amount of cash for any additional spending money they require for their personal use. We will also need to know if any of the students taking part in the trip have any special dietary needs, this information should be completed on the student information form included in your pack.



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There may be additional supervised sightseeing time for students during the trip but this will only take place after a full risk assessment has been made of the circumstances at that time. However, if you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact Graeme Hill emailing [ghi@beckfotoakbank.org](mailto:ghi@beckfotoakbank.org) or Carol Sanderson in the Finance Team by emailing [carolsa@beckfotoakbank.org](mailto:carolsa@beckfotoakbank.org) or Lynsey Rodgers trip leader [lro@beckfotoakbank.org](mailto:lro@beckfotoakbank.org)

We would like to remind you that attendance during Enrichment Week is still compulsory. Parents have a legal responsibility under Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act to ensure their child attends school regularly. Failure to attend all activities will reduce your child's overall attendance level and could result in further sanctions from the Education Safeguarding Team.

Finally, can I say how pleased I am that your son/daughter is going on this trip and will have the opportunity to take part in such a fantastic experience.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lynsey Rodgers  
Battlefields – Trip Leader

Miss Tina Smith  
Headteacher