

21 January, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Cross-curricular Activity Trip to France and Belgium 12th – 16th July 2020

We are planning to take a group of 80 Year 9 and 10 students to France and Belgium during Activity week (The last week of the summer term 2020). This trip is cross curricular and designed to both support and engage History, French Language and Art students. We will be arranging an interesting and varied range of activities over the 5 days. The History themed itinerary is already decided on as we ran a Battlefield Trip last year, but students will also be engaging with speaking French in local markets and shops, and in completing a piece of coastal or war themed artwork.

Other experiences which are included:

- View Medicine and Surgery Artefacts at Chateau Ebblingham: Our range of artefacts will give pupils a better understanding of medical progression during the war. Examples of items include a stretcher and woollen blankets, Thomas Splint, stethoscope and a selection of surgical instruments.
- Handle WWI Artefacts: An invaluable opportunity to view a range of artefacts and personal items from the war to aid pupils in their understanding of the realities of trench life, regimental structures, loyalties and tactical issues.
- Bake Traditional Army Biscuits: Bake and taste traditional 'army biscuits' which soldiers would have eaten during WWI.
- Try on Replica Wartime Uniforms: Gain a practical understanding of the war by trying on replica wartime uniforms, including puttees (a strip of cloth wrapped around the ankle which was worn as part of military uniform).
- Visit to Boulogne-sur-Mer
- 2 Course set meal with soft drink at Ypres Restaurant
- Visit to Yorkshire Trench
- Visit to St George's Memorial Church
- Visit to Essex Farm Cemetery
- Visit to Wellington Quarry underground tunnel museum of the battle of Arras 1917
- Visit to Thiepval Memorial and Visitor Centre

Accommodation:

We have chosen to stay at Château d'Ebblingham, this site is for school groups only, is in a rural location just 8km east of St Omer on the Opal Coast in northern France and just 45 minutes from the Channel ports. The centre has four buildings designed with school groups in mind all accommodating pupil and teacher rooms together alongside dedicated dining and teacher areas.



Château d'Ebblingham - NST's exclusive accommodation in Northern France

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDyqIFGaYbw&feature=youtu.be>

Provider:

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 45 years' experience. We have used NST on a number of trips before and find that they work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

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Cost:

The cost of the trip will be £480 which can be paid over three instalments. The first deposit is non-refundable (unless the school or trip provider, NST Travel, need to cancel the trip). The first payment of £155 is to be paid by Friday 14th February, the 2nd instalment of £150 will need to be paid by Friday 6th March and the final payment of £175 **before** Friday 1st May, 2020. We will need each student's passport details as follows:

- Nationality
- Passport number
- Date of birth
- Full name as it appears on the passport
- Start date
- Expiry date

If the passport will be out of date during or close to our trip then please notify me immediately at rknott@axevalley.devon.sch.uk. Please get the passport renewed quickly and forward details to me before April 2020.

A pre-trip meeting for parents and students will be held in mid-April 2020, confirmation of the exact time will follow. This will give parents the opportunity to discuss spending money and for you to ask any questions about the trip.

All students are required to complete and return the attached form to Mr Knott before Friday 14th February 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Knott
History Department

PERMISSION SLIP
France and Belgium Cross-Curricular Trip 2020

Pupil's name..... Tutor Group

I wish to reserve a place for my son/daughter/ward on this trip.

Name..... Signature.....

Passport details:

Nationality:

Passport Number:

Date of Birth:

Full name as it appears on the passport:

Start date:

Expiry date:

Please return this completed slip by 14 February 2020 to Mr Knott.
Please note cancellation charges will apply should you cancel your child's place on the tour.

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FORM SOE 3 - PARENTAL CONSENT FOR OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES



Dear Parent/Guardian

Please complete and return the form below which relates to the forthcoming journey or activity for which you have already received details. The form gives your consent for your child to take part in this activity.

VISIT OR ACTIVITY **Cross-curricular Activity Trip to France and Belgium**

DATE **12th – 16th July 2020**

NAME OF STUDENT

TUTOR GROUP

DATE OF BIRTH

**Swimming ability
(for water based activities)**

Special Details

Any relevant information concerning your child's health requiring special attention but which does not prevent him or her taking part should be noted. For example, does your child:

- have any allergies?
- take medication and if so what is the dosage required:
- experience travel sickness?
- have diabetes, asthma or epilepsy?

Has your child had any relevant recent illnesses?

Approximate date of last tetanus injection:

Does your child have any specific dietary requirements?

NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF FAMILY DOCTOR:

Any additional comments:

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Photos may be taken during the trip for use in our newsletter, on the school website etc.
 If you have objections to these being taken please indicate this here.

**ONLINE PAYMENT
YES / NO**

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the above mentioned visit or activity and having read the information provided agree to him/her taking part in the activities described.
 I consent to any emergency medical treatment required by my child during the course of the visit.
 I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him/her fit to participate.

**If entitled to Free
School meals:
FREE Packed Lunch
YES / NO**

NAME OF PARENTS / CARERS _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: HOME _____ **MOBILE** _____

WORK _____ **OTHER** _____

**SIGNATURE OF
PARENT/CARER** _____

DATE _____