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4th February 2025

Battlefields Tour, Belgium and France– April 24-26th 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to say that we have begun our countdown before we leave for our WW1 Battlefields Tour. As such, we wanted to make sure that everyone has everything in place ready to go.

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 25th February, 17:30-18:00** where we will be going through the itinerary for the trip and other important details. During the meeting, could you please ensure that you bring **both** your **Passport (student individual passport not family)** and your **GHIC cards**. Be aware, your passport must remain valid for 6 months after the day we are to leave (please check the passport expiry date). This should then make the date 26th October 2025 with the addition of 6 months.

Please note that people have mentioned that they are experiencing delays in receiving their GHIC cards, so if you have not done so already, please start your application process now. I will also be discussing the insurance policy and medical details that our tour providers issue (NST). There will also be time at the end of the information session for any questions that you may have.

Ahead of the meeting, we will be liaising with the year 10 team and individuals as to who they may wish to room with during the trip. Whilst we will do our very best to accommodate student choices, please note that this may not always be possible. Please be aware that these rooms will not be up for discussion or changed once decided, I'm sure that staff and students will be able to ensure that this is an easy process! Again, we will discuss the accommodation at the meeting but if you do wish to look at this in advance please find the website here: [Ypres Lodge Near Town Centre | NST \(nstgroup.co.uk\)](https://www.ypreslodges.co.uk/)

Also, ahead of the meeting please can I ask you to photocopy or scan your passport ID – sending them direct to my email address zoe.thomson@bushfield.co.uk. It is a requirement by NST that staff leaders take a copy of this with the group.

Finally, please can I ask you to ensure that the trip consent form is completed, you will be able to access this via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/57cEN1NYpa> or alternatively from our [Trips page](#) on the Academy website.

Finally, a quick reminder that the final instalment is due by 28th March 2025.

Yours sincerely

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