January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Day Visit to Ypres - Thursday 27th June 2019

The history department has decided to arrange our annual day visit to mark World War One with a visit to Ypres and the surrounding area. The trip is arranged for Thursday 27th June 2019 and the itinerary includes visits to the Tyne Cot British Cemetery, Langemark German Cemetery and some time in Ypres to visit the Flanders’ Fields Museum and the Menin Gate. This visit is designed to enhance the year 8 study of 20th century history and will also be useful for those considering history as a GCSE option, where there is a case study on the Western Front.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £72.00 which will cover the cost of the visit including transport by coach and Eurotunnel and other incidental costs. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. In the unlikely event that a student has to be removed from the visit due to poor behaviour, we reserve the right not to refund the voluntary contribution associated with this visit. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/. Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.

Students will need to be at school by 5.45am and will return by 10.00pm.

This visit has proved very popular in the past and for this reason we would like to complete arrangements for the trip this term. If you would like your child to take part, payment should be made online and the permission slip should be taken to the finance office as soon as possible and by Thursday 14th February. Alternatively a cheque for £72.00 in a named envelope should be taken to the finance office with the permission slip. Places will be allocated by a ballot system, after the deadline has closed. The deadline is 6.00pm Thursday 14th February 2019. Those students who are successful will be notified and a reserve list of names will be kept of those not securing a place on the visit and all monies will be refunded.

Please note that all students must have a valid full passport and an EHIC medical insurance card. The rules for travel to most countries in Europe will change if the UK leaves the European Union (EU) with no deal in March 2019. Therefore, all British passport holders must have at least six months remaining on their passport from your date of arrival, otherwise they may be refused entry. This applies to adult and child passports. EHIC cards can still be obtained free of charge by telephoning 0845 606 2030, by completing a form at the Post Office or online at www.ehic.org.uk. As they may still be valid at the time of this trip, we ask that students who wish to attend, do have a valid EHIC card and these need to be applied for before the 29th March.

Further details of the itinerary will be given out nearer the time. If you have any queries, please contact the history department.

Yours sincerely

Miss L McLeod
Curriculum Leader of History

Miss S Odell
Teacher of History
Name of student ____________________________________________  Form ________________

I would like my child to take part in the day visit to Ypres on Thursday 27th June 2019.

☐ I enclose full payment of £72.00 (cheques should be payable to Sackville School)/
  I have forwarded £72.00 to Sackville School via the online payment system
  (please delete as appropriate).

☐ I understand that my child must have a full valid passport and an EHIC medical insurance card

If NOT travelling on a UK passport please indicate below the nationality of the passport that will be used

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Parent/Carer name (please sign) ______________________________________________________

Parent/Carer name (please print) _____________________________________________________

Date ______________________________________________________________________________