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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 8 enrichment trip to Belgium and France – WWI Battlefields, Bruges & Disneyland

As part of enrichment week the school is offering an opportunity for year 8 students to take part in a five day visit to Belgium and France, leaving school on Monday 6th July and returning on Friday 10th July.

The tour provider that we are using for the trip, Varsity Travel is a company that the school regularly uses. Varsity has organised many of the school's recent trips abroad including to Italy, Germany and France/Belgium. Varsity provide fully guided tours with excellent itineraries. Our Belgium guide that Varsity provide, Raoul is outstanding and this will be the fourth tour he has guided for us. If you're not already following us on social media then you might want to take a look at the photographs of our Enrichment Trips from July @HenleySchool on Twitter, Henley-in-Arden School on Facebook and @henleyschool on Instagram.

The cost of the trip to France will be **£570 per person**. This includes all meals, transport, insurance, the services of a specialist tour guide and entry into all museums and sites (including bowling, and Disneyland, Paris). Students will also need to bring some personal spending money with them.

Families entitled to support from the pupil premium grant are eligible for support on this visit and the amounts to be paid will be advised separately.

Parents/guardians of students who book the trip will be invited to an evening presentation event before departure where the travel company and I will be available to answer your questions.

Please note that as this is a enrichment visit, the trip includes a number of 'remote supervision' opportunities where students are given independent time away from supervising adults to bond with their friends and be out of direct contact with adults. For example in Bruges when shopping and for the day at Disneyland. Whilst adults are on hand at meeting points and available to be contacted by mobile phone during these periods, if you feel your child will not be comfortable or capable of participating in remote supervision with other students you should not book a place on this visit and instead choose one of the in-school activities during enrichment week.

We will be travelling by coach and using the ferry to cross to France. Below is a list of some of the places we will be visiting:

- o A day trip to Bruges where we will ascend the bell tower and have a canal cruise around the ancient city
- o Visit to Tyne Cot Military Cemetery
- o The Menin Gate Ceremony and a walk around Ypres
- o The Battle of Arras Memorial (we get to go down 20 metres to experience life in the underground world beneath Arras), Beaumont Hamel Battlefield, Thiepval Memorial
- o Disneyland Paris for a full day
- o A visit to Vimy Ridge WWI trenches and monument on the way to Calais



In the past we have arranged for students to visit the graves of relatives who have memorials in the areas that we are visiting. Please contact me if you would like us to try and arrange this.

All meals (apart from lunch on the first day and the last day) are included. We will have a continental breakfast at the hotel every morning, a packed lunch during the day and a hot evening meal at Flunch (a fast casual restaurant chain).

The hotels that have been provisionally reserved for us are both Ibis hotels.

Finally, this visit may be subject to any new regulations or requirements should the UK exit the European Union. You can monitor any relevant information on the Government's website here: <https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit>. We will let you know if things change.

Contract, terms and conditions.

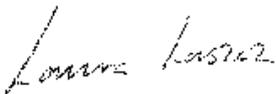
A place will only be allocated to a student once the contract has been signed & returned to school and the deposit has been paid via Gateway. Payment alone will not reserve a place for a student.

Please find attached the contract, terms and conditions for this visit. Please sign and retain the pink copy for your records. The green copy must be returned to school immediately to secure your child's place (payment of the deposit signifies a provisional reservation only – if the contract is not received immediately, the place will be forfeited and offered to another child on the waiting list).

Please note that there are limited places available and, therefore, these will be allocated on first come, first served basis i.e. the first 50 deposits paid. Once 50 deposits have been received, School Gateway will automatically remove the visit from your account so you will no longer see it as available for payment. Please see the attached contract for specific details of payment schedules, terms and conditions.

If you would like any further information about the trip then please email or telephone me.

Kind regards,



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