



17th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Belgium and Northern France trip

As part of our continuing drive to bring history and computer science alive in Passmores we are offering a three-day trip for Year 8 students to Belgium and Northern France leaving early on Wednesday 15th May 2024 and returning on the evening of Friday 17th May 2024. The trip is suitable for students who enjoy both history and computer science, especially if they are thinking of taking either of these subjects to GCSE. With regard to the curriculum, it complements the year 8 schemes of learning for both history and computer science.

The trip will include visits to the following:

- *Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial outside Arras*
- *The Wellington Quarries in Arras*
- *The National computer museum NAM-IP near Brussels*
- *The Pixel Museum in Brussels*
- *La Couple V2 rocket site and planetarium near St Omer*

The trip will cost £380 and will cover all the places to be visited, hotel accommodation including evening meal, breakfast and a packed lunch for days 2 and 3; air-conditioned coach, crossing on Eurotunnel and entry into all the museums and exhibits. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day, and money to buy their evening meal on the Friday. Please contact me if the cost is a concern but you would still like your young person to be considered.

The closing date for receiving applications for the trip is Wednesday 15th November 2023. The trip is on a first come first served basis and will be closed when we reach the maximum number for the trip. In view of this, should you wish your young person to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, please can you pay a deposit of £50 on ParentPay by Wednesday 15th November 2023. The balance of the trip will be due 8 weeks prior to the date of travel, which will be the 18th March 2024.

Please note that a valid passport will be needed to participate in this trip, and the passport must have at least 6 months left before expiry after the date of return (17th November 2024). The school cannot be held responsible for any student who is unable to participate in the trip due to not having the required passport details at the date of travel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries by phone or via email at l.pickering@passmoresacademy.com that are about the trip or the financial arrangements.

Your faithfully

Mr L Pickering

Associate Senior Leader and Head of history.