



7th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 history/computer science trip

I am pleased to let you know that your young person has secured a place on the Year 8 history/computer science trip to France and Belgium that will take place between Wednesday 15th May and Friday 17th May 2024. Due to issues sourcing appropriate accommodation near Brussels there have been a couple of changes to the itinerary, although the good news is that this has also resulted in the price of the trip falling from £380 to £345 per person.

The itinerary for the trip will be as follows:

Day one

06:00 Coach arrives at school
06:30 Depart school
08:30 Arrive Folkestone
10:20 LeShuttle Crossing
11:55 Arrive Calais, drive to Vimy Ridge
14.00 Arrive Wellington Quarry in Arras
17.00 Check in to your accommodation In Albert, France
19.00 Evening meal at a restaurant in Albert

Day two

Breakfast at your accommodation
Collect / make your packed lunch
9.00 Depart to travel to Brussels
11.00 Morning visit to the Computer Museum NAM-IP
14.00 Afternoon visit to the Pixel Museum
17.30 Arrive at accommodation in Ypres, Belgium
18.30 Evening meal at your accommodation
20.00 Evening visit the Menin Gate to attend the Last Post Ceremony

Day Three

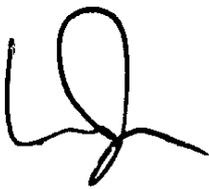
Breakfast at your accommodation
Collect / make your packed lunch
9.00 Depart accommodation
9.30 Morning visits to Langemark German Cemetery and Tyne Cot Cemetery
12.00 Drive to Saint Omer
1.30 Arrive for afternoon visit to La Coupole, including the 3D Planetarium
16:30 Depart Saint Omer
17:30 Arrive in Calais
19:20 LeShuttle Crossing
18:55 Arrive in Folkestone
21:00 Back at school

Please note these timings are approximate and we will keep you updated throughout the third day should there be any changes to the time we expect to return.

The second payment to the travel company will be due on 12th January 2024 (this will be £147.50) and the final payment of £147.50 will be due 6 weeks prior to travel, which will be 3rd April 2024. If, for any reason, there are any problems with making the second payment by that date, please can you let me know as soon as possible before the 15th January deadline.

Closer to the travel date we will request details of dietary needs so that the travel company can advise the accommodation prior to travel. However, if there are specific health or dietary needs that we need to be aware of (and have not been notified of) please do not hesitate to contact me about this.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L Pickering', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr L Pickering
Head of History