



*Church of England School*  
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9th June 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 History Trip - WW1 Battlefields Trip 2016 - Final Details**

This letter includes a reminder of the final details for the Battlefields Trip (23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2016) which your son/daughter is attending.

Timings

Your son/daughter will need to be ready outside Highgrove car park at **5.15am** on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It is vital that your son/daughter is there on time as it is important we can make a prompt departure and we will not be able to wait for those students who are late.

We are expected back at school on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at around 5.00pm. However your son/daughter will keep you updated on the expected time of arrival. Please be available to collect your child.

What Students Will Need

Your child must bring their **passport, EHIC card** as well as **any medicines** that they require including inhalers and Epipens. Your son/daughter should also bring:

- Suitable clothing for the trip for both warm and wet weather to include:
  - Waterproof jacket
  - Footwear suitable for the trenches including a change of footwear (including some plastic bags for any muddy footwear)
  - Sunscreen
  - A rucksack or similar for use in the day
  - 'Smart' outfit for our attendance at the 'Last Post' at the Menin Gate
- Snacks
- Money for drinks, snacks and souvenirs (50-100 euros)
- Mobile phone (please ensure that your son/daughter's mobile phone can work in Europe)
- Camera and/or iPod if required.

Expectations

This trip involves visiting sites commemorating the First World War as well as cemeteries for those who died in the conflict. It is important your son/daughter behaves in a manner befitting of this environment, especially as family members of those who died in the war and other veterans are frequently visiting these places. This includes making sure that they are dressed appropriately. Please ensure your son/daughter brings clothes suitable for this environment, especially if the weather is warm. Your son/daughter should also have a 'smart' outfit for our attendance at the 'Last Post' at the Menin Gate where many attendees will be in military uniform.

As with any school trip we expect students to exhibit exemplary behaviour at all times. The itinerary is very full and every day will be very busy, with early starts, so it is important that both students and staff get enough sleep! Students will have a time when they are expected to be in their rooms and it is vital they are where they are expected to be at all times.



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Emergency contacts

If you need to contact me **in case of emergency** I will be carrying the school mobile phone number which is 07583 796370. **Please ensure** your son/daughter has this programmed into their mobile as well.

We will also be tweeting updates and pictures from our twitter account @BR\_HistoryTrips. If you have a twitter account please feel free to follow us so you can stay updated during the trip.

Parents' Meeting

I have attached to this letter a copy of the PowerPoint presentation which was used in the Parents' Meeting. If you or your child were unable to attend please make sure they are aware of the contents of the presentation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

The trip has been designed to be a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience giving your son/daughter a fuller insight into the events of the war.

If you have any questions about arrangements or the trip please feel free to email me at [lrobinson.312@lqflmail.org](mailto:lrobinson.312@lqflmail.org).

Yours faithfully



**Miss L Robinson**  
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