



6 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Trip to Belgium, Friday 24 – Saturday 25 March 2023**

I am writing in advance of our departure with some information regarding our upcoming trip.

- Students need to arrive in the main car park at 4.30am on Friday 24 March.
- Please avoid parking in the marked hatches; the coach will also need to enter the school via this route.
- Students will return to school at approximately 09.15pm on Saturday 25 March.
- Students should have their passports ready to hand in when they arrive at school on Friday 24 March; these will be looked after by staff for the duration of the trip.
- When we set off, students will be encouraged to go back to sleep until we arrive at Dover; they can bring a small pillow or blanket for the journey. The lights will be turned off and students must be quiet during this part of the journey; this will ensure that energy levels are preserved for later in the day.
- Students should wear comfortable clothing as they will be getting on and off the coach. The weather in March can be unpredictable so it is advisable that they wear layers and bring a rain coat. We are visiting a number of cemeteries and attending a memorial service at the Menin Gate on the Friday evening. Students should dress respectfully and be prepared to stand in the cold for up to an hour at a time.
- Students should bring a small overnight bag which will travel underneath the coach and will not be accessible until we check into our hotel on Friday evening.
- Students will be provided with dinner on the Friday and breakfast and lunch on the Saturday; these meals are included in the price of the trip.
- Students will need to either bring their own food for breakfast and lunch on the Friday or purchase food on the ferry. Likewise, they will be able to purchase dinner on the ferry travelling home on the Saturday. Food on the ferry can be purchased in sterling or euros.
- Students will have approximately one hour of free time in Ypres (a small town) and they may wish to bring a few euros if they wish to purchase any chocolate! (€10-20 will buy a significant amount of chocolate).

If you require any other information then please email me [afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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**Trip Leader**

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