



ABINGDON

From Head of History: David McGill

6 February 2015

Dear Parents

Third Year Battlefields' Trip 17 – 19 April 2015

Thank you to those who have sent in a consent form for the trip-there are still a few outstanding forms so can you please check you have done so. On **Monday 23 March 2015 at 7.15pm** in the Charles Maude Room (ground floor-main school-below the Chapel) there will be a short presentation for all boys participating in the trip and their parents. I will talk about some of the places we are going to visit and will show some photographs using a PowerPoint presentation. I will also be on hand in case there are additional queries. It is anticipated that the whole session will last no more than one hour in total. I do hope that you will be able to join us. If you have an ancestor who was killed on the Western Front and your son would like to visit the grave during the trip it is possible that we may be able to include this if details are brought to the meeting, although we cannot guarantee this if the grave is unduly out of our way.

You should have received details of the hotel in the itinerary I attached to an email and/or the weekly mailing but I have attached it again to this mailing. The company request that boys bring **wellington boots in a separate, clearly labelled plastic bag** to keep with them on the coach because some of the sites that we visit tend to be muddy. Layered clothing and waterproofs are recommended. There is no need to give your sons huge amounts of pocket money-10 Euros a day should be enough. The hotel is called: the **Flanders Lodge, Best Western Hotel, Dehemlaan 19 8900 Ieper Belgium. Tel: + 32 57 21 70 00**

On the morning of our departure the coach leaves at 6.45am on Friday 17 April (the coach will be at the Faringdon Road coach park from 6.15am.) Staff will be at the coach park from 6.15am. As the boys enter the coach I will ask for their passports - I will hold these centrally for the duration of the trip. It is helpful if a simple label can be stuck to the outside cover of the passport stating your son's name as this will make it a great deal easier to hand out passports on our return journey. May I also remind you that boys will need a packed lunch and may wish to have some English money with them to purchase a snack when we stop briefly at a service station. **Please remember passports and European Health Cards**

Many thanks for your support of your son's education in this way.

Yours sincerely

David McGill
Head of History
david.mcgill@abingdon.org.uk

Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1DE

Tel: 01235 521563 Fax: 01235 849079

www.abingdon.org.uk