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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to confirm details of the Ypres trip departing 12 October 2018.

Timings: Students must arrive at school at 04.45am on Friday 12 October; the coach will be departing at 05.00am. We should arrive back at school no later than 22.00pm, however if we are early or delayed we will let you know.

Clothing: Students should ensure that they are dressed appropriately. I would recommend, comfortable, warm clothing, sturdy walking shoes/boots and waterproofs. The weather in Belgium is very unpredictable so it may be necessary to bring wellingtons for some parts of the trip. These can be kept on the coach when we are visiting other sites. Please no offensive slogans or crop tops.

Food & Drink: As it is such a long day students need to bring plenty of food and drink to get them through the day. There will not be time to stop off to get food so please supply them with plenty. Please do not provide food/drink in glass jars or bottles.

Money: There will be a brief opportunity to buy chocolates whilst we are in Ypres town. Therefore students may bring €10-€20 with them to purchase these. We will store these for the students whilst we are on the trip to avoid illness.

Medication: Please also make sure that if your child requires any medication that they have it with them. We will bring all medication for individual students that we have in school.

Passports/EHIC Cards: Finally, we are asking that students now bring in their passport and EHIC cards. These should be put into the trips box, in an envelope clearly labelled 'Ypres Trip'. We would like them in school no later than **Friday 28 September**. We will keep them in school where they will be locked in a safe. They will be returned to the students on the day of the trip.

We are very much looking forward to the trip. If you have any questions or concern please do not hesitate to email me, tcavanagh@downlands.org

Yours faithfully,

Ms T Cavanagh
Head of History and Trip Leader

