



## WADDES DON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL Visit to WWI Battlefields, 18-20 October 2024



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### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Please be at school for **4:00am**. We aim to be in Dover by **7:45am** to take the **9:45am** ferry.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** We will arrive at Dover at **7:30pm** and will aim to arrive back at school around **11:00pm** where all students will need to be collected promptly. If there are any delays, we will ask the students to communicate this to you directly.

### SEA CROSSINGS

Date	Route	Departure	Arrival	Operator	Reference
18/10/2024	Dover-Calais	09:45	12:15	P&O Ferries	45665467
20/10/2024	Calais-Dover	19:00	19:30	P&O Ferries	45665467

### LUGGAGE

Students should bring **one luggage bag**, and **one day bag** (we suggest a **rucksack**) which can be taken out during the day, and which can hold a coat, snacks, water, packed lunch and other items. It goes without saying that students should not bring any prohibited items, such as sharps, or anything flammable. Essential items which need to be taken can be found on the checklist below.

### CLOTHING

The weather in Belgium and France is mixed currently, so we recommend certainly bringing a **raincoat** or a **waterproof jacket**. As we will be spending a lot of the time outside, we recommend that students pack **sensibly** and **warmly**. They should wear **shoes** or **boots** which they can spend all day **walking** in, and bring lots of **layers**, plus hats, scarves, gloves. It is far better to be too warm than too cold. Please also ensure **duplicates** of clothes are brought, in case we do get caught in wet weather. Bringing spare plastic bags to put wet clothes/shoes in would be a good idea.

## FOOD AND MONEY

Students will need to bring enough money to be able to purchase **breakfast** and **lunch** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** (or bring food with them) and **dinner** on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**, plus enough for any extra drinks or snacks which they might want during the weekend. They are also very welcome to pack their own preferred snacks.

We will be provided with breakfast and a packed lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Vegetarians and those with dietary requirements will be catered for. Students may also bring a small amount of **spending money**, should they wish to buy anything extra or any souvenirs (we will be visiting a chocolate shop). If possible, we recommend that students bring a card such as Monzo or Starling which does not charge foreign transaction fees (a charge for using it abroad) rather than cash. However, euros are fine if you do not have this option.

We will eat at the Chateau on Friday evening, and at a local restaurant on Saturday evening. Dietary requirements of which we have been informed will be catered for.

## PASSPORT AND GHIC

Please ensure that we have your passport in school by Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Passports will be held by staff for safekeeping.

Students were asked to apply for a GHIC card at the beginning of the trip process. If students do not have an in-date EHIC, a European Health Insurance Card, or a GHIC card, a Global Health Insurance Card, then you need to apply for one now (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>) and have copies of all confirmation emails accessible for the duration of the trip. Any emails which you have confirming your GHIC/PRC applications must be forwarded to [ehoe@waddesdonschool.com](mailto:ehoe@waddesdonschool.com)

## ACCOMMODATION

We will be staying at Château d'Eblinghem, 1934 Rte nationale, 59173 Eblinghem, France – a venue owned by the tour company NST, of which we will have sole use. Rooms will be allocated by Miss Hoe and Mr McKain. All rooms are single-sex rooms, and you are **not** allowed to enter a room to which you have not been allocated; Miss Hoe, Mrs Ewart, Mr McKain and Mr McGregor will be along the same corridor and we will let you know our room numbers so you can always find us if you need.

## SCHOOL RULES

During the entirety of this trip, **school rules apply** and any breaches of these will be treated as if they had happened on the school site – this includes drinking, smoking, and vaping. This is **non-negotiable**. Should we have any cause to doubt or question the conduct of any students whilst on this trip, then an investigation will be carried out and sanctions applied as appropriate. Our priority is always to keep the students **safe**, and for everyone to have a beneficial and enjoyable time.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

For personal safety reasons, we recommend that all students wear a coat and/or bring a bag which has **secure pockets** in which you can keep your phone and money. This is a precautionary measure, but one which is sensible. You will all be issued with an emergency contact card, which has emergency meeting points and telephone numbers so that Miss Hoe and Mr McKain can be contacted if necessary.

Whilst on the ferry, students **must not** – at any time – move around in groups of **less than four**. This is **non-negotiable**, and a requirement which the Local Authority has set us and is a safety measure intended to protect you. Once on the ferry, we will determine a central point at which teachers can always be found in an emergency. Whilst on the coach, we expect students to be always seated with seatbelts on.

Each student will also be allocated to a teacher for interim registers at different points in the day, and so it is essential that they listen carefully to our instructions; especially meeting points and times.

**In the unlikely event we are caught up in an emergency, Miss Hoe's instructions are to be followed immediately. If a student finds themselves separated from us, and there is a safe route – run. If there is not – hide. Contact Miss Hoe or Mr McKain as soon as safely possible. In any case, all belongings are to be left behind.**

## CHECKLIST

- ✓ A luggage bag
- ✓ A day bag
- ✓ Toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, etc.
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Indoor shoes (socks not acceptable), eg, slippers
- ✓ Sensible walking shoes
- ✓ EU plug adaptors
- ✓ Reusable water bottle
- ✓ Warm hats, scarves, gloves, etc.
- ✓ Plastic bags to put wet clothes/shoes in
- ✓ A warm and waterproof coat
- ✓ Enough warm clothes for the three days and two nights
- ✓ Pens and notebook
- ✓ Money (Euros and Sterling in cash, or a card with no foreign transaction fees) to buy breakfast and lunch on Friday, dinner on Sunday, and for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, etc.
- ✓ Extra snacks if desired