

14 January 2020

NQ/DF

Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT BREXIT UPDATE: The Great War 1914-1918 Battlefields Visit 12-15 June 2020

With the trip fast approaching, we need to be mindful of the fact that by the time we visit Belgium and France we expect to have left the European Union. Last year we were advised by the company that we travel with that the rules for entering most countries in Europe may change if the UK leaves the European Union (EU) with no deal. This is clearly beyond our control, and, at this stage, we want to try and avoid any potential problems with our travel arrangements in the summer.

Therefore, in order to guard against any difficulties with border checks, your son will need to travel on his own passport which must have at least 6 months left on it before its expiry date. This means that if your son's passport expires before 15 December 2020 you must apply for him to obtain a new one. I would be grateful if you would please complete the attached form, and return it to me by **Friday 7 February at the latest.**

In accordance with DfE guidelines I will be holding an **Information Evening** for students and their parents shortly before our departure. It is essential that the student and at least one parent/carer attends this meeting. Prior to this I will send you a reminder and request that you bring with you **both** your son's **passport** and a current **EHIC** (European Health Insurance Card). If your son does not have one, forms can be obtained from the Post Office, or alternatively, you can apply online. Please be aware that this should be a **free** service. You will also need to bring a completed health form. This is a requirement for insurance purposes and will be issued to your son prior to the meeting.

At this meeting the following will be covered:

- The finalised itinerary with travel times and details;
- A suggested kit list;
- Accommodation arrangements;
- The Code of Conduct that will apply and our expectations of the boys;
- Safety and Security arrangements and Emergency Contact details;
- Suggested currency needs;
- All essential information will be contained in the Student Visit Handbook.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns about the passport situation, or indeed anything else connected with the trip.

Yours faithfully



Mr N Quinton
Head of History

Enclosure

Battlefields of France and Belgium

(Please return in envelope marked for the attention ofMr N Quinton...

Name of Student: **Form:**

I/we understand that the named student above must travel on his own passport which expires after 15 December 2020 in order to participate in this visit as outlined in the attached letter.

(Both parents with parental responsibility should give their signed consent for foreign visits. Please note that where parents are separated both parents with parental responsibility are still required to give their consent to participation in foreign visits unless the main carer has been designated by a Residency Order. If there are any concerns or queries in this regard please contact Mrs R Brooks(the Carre's Grammar School Safeguarding Officer).

Please tick whichever box applies and give further details as appropriate.

My son already has his own passport which expires after 15 December 2020.

Passport number: **Expiry Date:**

Although my son has his own passport, it will expire before 15 December 2020 so I understand that I will need to apply for him to have a new one as soon as possible.

My son does not already have his own passport so I understand that I will need to apply for him to have one as soon as possible.

Signed: **Main Carer:** YES / NO / JOINT

Print Name: **Relationship to student:**

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