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Dear Parent/Carer

**Battlefields Visit Pupil & Parent Briefing – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

The Battlefields Visit is fast approaching – it is only about 9 weeks off our departure. We are due to leave from school on the Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October approximately at 4pm in order to get down to Dover for the ferry to Calais on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. On our return journey, we should arrive back at Breadalbane Academy anytime from about 6.30am onwards on the morning of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. These times still await final confirmation. It is still possible that slight changes could be made by the coach company and the ferry company, the weather also affects timings, so please bear this in mind. You will get an early morning call on the Saturday from your child confirming our time of arrival at school.

I would like to remind you of the following:

**Passports**

If passports have not yet been obtained, this must now be a high priority. Please remember that the Passport Office in Glasgow will require the original birth certificate with applications. Failure to follow their instructions usually results in an application being rejected and consequently lengthens the process. Passports will be checked as students board the coach and should be carried with them at all times as a means of identification. Please check now that your child's passport will still be valid for the duration of the visit.

**European Health Insurance Card**

Medical treatment in Belgium and France has to be paid for on the spot. The EHI card helps us to claim some of this money back. The application form is obtainable from most post offices or on line if you do not already have one for your child and is free. Please hand your EHI card into me by the end of September at the very latest. They will be returned to students immediately after the visit. We do of course have medical insurance, a copy of the policy will be available for you to inspect in school once I have received it from the Council.

If your child will be taking any course of medication, and/or suffers from any long standing chronic ailment, you will need to ensure that their condition is covered by medical insurance. You may have to pay a small supplement if it is not so. This used to be covered by a firm called Medicover who I believe has ceased trading. A similar service is now offered by AllClear Travel, [www.allcleartravel.co.uk/medicover.html](http://www.allcleartravel.co.uk/medicover.html)



They ask the following questions:-

- Postcode
- Street Number
- Date of Departure - **29<sup>th</sup> October traveling abroad on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**
- Where you are traveling to? **Belgium and France, based at Langemark, Belgium**
- How long are you going for - **5 days abroad**
- Age [in years]
- How long ago was the condition diagnosed?
- Can you walk 200 yards on the flat without getting breathless?
- Have you ever suffered from chronic bronchitis or emphysema?
- How many different types of medication do you take?
- Have you been admitted to hospital in the last year?

**Parent/Pupil Briefing – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 6.00pm and 7.00pm**

Once I have received all of the travel information, the intention is to have a parent/pupil briefing one evening after school in the main assembly hall. This would last approximately 30–40 minutes and would give you the opportunity to pass on any extra information that you deem necessary and to ask any questions. It is very important that you and your son/daughter attend because all of the travel information will be distributed at this event.

**Medical Update Form**

Please return the attached medical update as soon as possible so that the information can be collated. This is very important and contains the information we need should your child become ill.

If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01887 822 300.

Yours faithfully



**Miss I Wilde**  
**Principal Teacher of History**

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**Parent/Student Briefing – Battlefields Visit, Briefing – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

**Pupil's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

I shall be attending the briefing with my son/daughter. Please provide \_\_\_\_\_ seats in the Main Assembly Hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date .....

Please return this sheet and the medical up date by Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017