23 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Battlefields Trip Information

We are looking forward to our Battlefields trip next April. I would like to share the following information and ensure we complete the preparation.

Parent/Carer Meeting

We will be holding a parent/carer meeting regarding our trip on **Thursday 11 February 2027**, at 5.30pm in the school library. This will be an opportunity to go over all details and answer any final questions, your child is very welcome to attend also.

ParentPay

Please could you ensure that you have filled in all of the information required on ParentPay as soon as possible (www.parentpay.com).

Passports

As outlined in the original trip letter, it is necessary for your child's passport to have at least six months validity after the return date of the trip (1 May 2027). Please could any passport applications or renewals be done as soon as possible so that you are able to provide me with your child's passport details. The travel company require passenger details to be submitted by the end of November.

Please could you send a clear scan, or photograph, of your child's passport to Mrs Keane so that the paperwork for the trip can be completed. Please email this to me gkeane@northleamington.co.uk by **Monday 16 November 2026** at the latest.

GHIC Card

All students will be required to have a GHIC card prior to travel. This will allow your child to receive medical care if it is required either for free or at local cost. If your child does not currently have a GHIC card, you can apply for one using the following link: Link to apply for a for a free uk global health insurance card ghic.

Non-British Passports

If your child does not hold a British passport, please check the visa requirements specific to their nationality for entrance into Belgium and France. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure the appropriate visa is obtained well in advance of the trip. If you require guidance, or anticipate any issues, please let us know as soon as possible.

ETIAS Applications

It is anticipated that from April 2027, it will be a requirement to have ETIAS approval before entering the Schengen area. ETIAS is a security check used to pre-screen passengers before crossing land borders into the Schengen Area. All students attending the Battlefields trip will need to apply for ETIAS so that they can enter France and Belgium. It is free for under 18's and a mandatory requirement for travel. Parents/Carers will need to apply for ETIAS for their child so that they can travel, however, applications for this are not currently open, but anticipated to be so before Christmas. Please check https://schengenvisainfo.com/etias/ for further information and details of how to apply once

applications become available. Proof of ETIAS for your child will be required to be submitted to Mrs Keane prior to travel.

Information required

Finally, if you are aware of any family connections you may have to soldiers that fought in the First World War in either the Ypres or Somme region, please do let me know before Christmas. Our guide has said that if time permits on our trip, we may be able to visit the cemetery or memorial as part of our itinerary.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me (gkeane@northleamington.co.uk). Thank you for your support in ensuring all arrangements are completed in a timely manner.

Your sincerely

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