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Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed Visit to WW1 Battlefields, The Somme 13 to 16 July 2020 – Years 9 and 10 (next academic year)

We are proposing to run a trip to The Somme for a visit to the WW1 battlefields.

We will depart from school on Monday 13 July 2020 at 13:00 and travel to Hull by coach where we will cross to Belgium by ferry. During our stay we will visit The Somme and Mametz Wood, which will include several museums, underground barracks and dugouts. We will arrive back at school at approximately 12 noon on Thursday 16 July 2020.

The cost of the trip will be £340 per pupil which includes travel, accommodation at the Poppies Albert International School Hotel, all meals during our stay and all activities including a round of bowling. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the journey to the ferry port at Hull and some spending money for snacks.

The trip is open to all students who are currently in Year 8 and 9 and we anticipate that it will be popular. There are only 50 places available and they will be offered on a **first come, first served basis. An initial deposit of £100 will need to be paid by Friday 17 May 2019. The first instalment of £80 will be required by 26 September 2019, the second instalment of £80 by 30 January and third instalment of £80 by 4 April 2020.** For security, all payments should be made online at www.scopay.com/ripley using your personal login details from the letter previously issued to pupils. If you have any problems using the online payment system please contact the school office for assistance.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in this visit, please complete the attached application form and pay the deposit by Friday 17 May 2019. The form should be returned to the blue box outside Learning Support in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and "Battlefields 2020" on the outside.

With regard to cancellations we will endeavour to re-allocate the place but we cannot guarantee a full refund where irrecoverable costs have been incurred. Where cancellation arises for justifiable reason (eg medical grounds) then this would usually be covered by our travel insurance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Goulds
Subject Leader English

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Application form for WW1 Battlefields, The Somme

All activities, events or trips that are not a necessary part of the curriculum are subject to the Passport to Privilege (P2P) protocol, which recognises and rewards good effort and behaviour. The principles of the Passport to Privilege are regularly outlined by progress leaders through assemblies and displayed on posters in form rooms. It is clear that a positive attitude to behaviour and studies will result in the opportunity to participate in events and activities organised by Ripley colleagues.

Parents must also be aware that, if at any point prior to the trip, concerns are raised about your child's attitude and / or behaviour, Ripley reserves the right to withdraw the invitation to participate. If this were to happen, whilst every effort would be made to make a refund this may not always be possible.

I accept the P2P principles and request that my son /daughter

NAME _____

TUTOR GROUP _____

be considered for a place on the **WW1 Battlefields, The Somme Trip**

TRIP LEADER **Mrs R Goulds**

DATE(S) OF TRIP **13 to 16 July 2020**

I understand that places on this trip will be allocated based on P2P principles. The decision to offer a place will be made in consultation with the trip leader, my child's progress leader and members of the school senior leadership team.

Online payment for £100 for the deposit made on _____ (date)

Signed..... Parent/Guardian

Date.....