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# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## **Ref: Year 9 History Trip to the Somme Battlefields, France - Friday 29th November 2019**

As part of your son's/daughter's KS3 History course, we are arranging a day-trip to the **Somme Battlefields in France**. The visit will take place on **Friday 29th November 2019**. We anticipate an early departure of **4.15am, so please arrive no later than 4.00am**. Students will return to school in the evening at approximately **9.30pm**. Both departure and arrival will be from the **Imberhorne Lane** site.

The visit will provide an invaluable opportunity for 60 students to develop their understanding of the Great War. The tour, guided by ourselves, aims to convey the scale of a World War One offensive and it will focus, particularly, on the tragic events of 1st July 1916.

The cost of the trip is **£55.00**, which includes the cost of return travel on Euro tunnel, and the provision of resources associated with the visit. Payment should be made via the on-line ParentPay system.

I must make you aware that there are a **limited number of places** available for this trip; places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. A place can be secured by paying for the trip via ParentPay and refunds will be issued if unsuccessful.

We require parental consent in order to take students off-site on trips or to attend events. Parental consent is considered to have been given once the trip or event is paid for on ParentPay. Please ensure you have completed the required acceptance on ParentPay by **Friday 15th November 2019** if you would like your son/daughter to join this exciting trip.

Students do not need to wear school uniform, but please ensure that they wear sensible warm clothing and suitable footwear for possible boggy ground. Spare shoes/socks would also be useful as coaches can potentially ask them to take their shoes off when boarding if really muddy.

Please also ensure your son/daughter has any medication that they may need, clearly labelled, and that this is given to a member of staff prior to the event commencing.

We will use the emergency contact details we have on our database for your child for this trip. If however, the contact details or medical conditions have changed, please update this on SIMS Parent immediately.

Under current legislation I am obliged to point out that the contribution is voluntary but I must inform you that unless all parents who are able are willing to contribute, the trip may not take place. Limited financial assistance is available in certain cases; please contact Mrs J Botting, Bursar on [jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk](mailto:jbotting@imberhorne.co.uk) in confidence if you are unable to contribute so that suitable arrangements can be made or if you have any queries or difficulties regarding the on-line payment system.

Students will need their own **passports, (which due to the new regulations, must be still valid for six months)** and **EHIC cards**. These documents **must** to be handed into Windmill Lane Reception on **Monday 25th November 2019** and will be returned to the students at the end of the trip.

We very much hope that your son/daughter will be able to take part in this invaluable opportunity.

Yours faithfully

*N Booth*

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