

04 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Battlefields Trip (Ypres and the Somme) from 03/10/23 – 06/10/23
Behaviour Contract and Payment Schedule

I would like to confirm that your child has been given a place on the Ypres & Somme Trip in Autumn 2023. All of the original information found on the initial trip letter is still correct, and can be found on the school website if required. I would like to draw your attention to our expectations around behaviour stated in the initial letter:

“Please note that poor behaviour in school and/or poor attendance prior to the event may prevent your child from going on the trip. We will consider carefully whether to take any child who exhibits behaviour that might put themselves, other students or staff at risk. Whilst we will discuss our concerns with parents and carers, the school’s decision is final. In that instance, or if you withdraw your child for any reason, then any monies paid already will NOT be refunded. All applications for the trip will need to be approved by the Senior Leadership Team before any student places are confirmed.”

As a result, there is a behaviour contract attached via the link <https://forms.gle/fJNz7UcvbW2PrYMXA>. We would like you to read through this with students so that they fully understand our expectations, and then complete it to show your and their agreement with it. We thank you for your support in encouraging students to always be mindful of their behaviour and the consequences it can have.

I would also like take this opportunity to remind you of the suggested payment schedule (dates are below) found on the initial letter. This is a guide, and payments can be paid in differing instalments and at different intervals if required. If you have any queries regarding payment, please contact the finance office via admin at admin@gvsc.org.uk although I would like to emphasise that all payments must be made and completed by the **1st June 2023**.

£85.00 will be due on/by 1st February 2023
£85.00 will be due on/by 1st April 2023
£85.00 will be due on/by 1st June 2023 (final instalment).

Students will need their own passport that has at least **3 months validity** left on it by the time of leaving, **so a passport must not expire before 03/01/24**. If your child does not have a passport, I would encourage you to organise this sooner rather than later to avoid anxiety around processing times.

Finally, students also require a GHIC card in case of any emergency treatment. Please apply for this through the below website: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>. Please note that if the student already has an EHIC card that will be in date at the time of travel then this will still be valid.

I hope this helps answer any remaining questions, and that students are looking forward to the trip. I will write nearer the date with an update on timings and other information e.g. luggage, etc.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Giggle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr C Giggle
History Teacher