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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 8 Day Visit to the Somme Battlefields**

The history department has arranged our annual day visit to the Somme battlefields in France for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The day will involve visits to Beaumont-Hamel, Thiepval, Albert and Vimy Ridge. This visit is designed to enhance the year 8 study of 20<sup>th</sup> century history and will also be useful for those considering history as a GCSE option.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £48.50 which will cover the cost of travel by coach and Eurotunnel, and other incidental costs. We must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. Insurance for the trip will be provided through West Sussex County Council insurers. Full details of the policy are available from the school.

Students will need to be at school by 6.00am and will return by 9.30pm.

This visit has proved very popular in the past and demand for visits to the Somme tends to be high. For this reason we would like to complete arrangements for the trip this term. If you would like your child to take part, a cheque for £48.50, together with both the permission slip and parental consent form in a named envelope, should be taken to the finance office as soon as possible and by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Alternatively, payment can be forwarded to Sackville School via the online payment system. The permission slip and parental consent form should still be forwarded to the finance office.

Students will be notified if they **have not** been in time to secure a place on the visit and any monies paid in will be returned via the finance office. A list of names would be kept of those not securing a place on the visit and, should spaces become available, we will check whether your child would still like to participate.

**Please note that all students must have a valid full passport and an EHIC medical insurance card.** EHIC cards can be obtained free of charge by telephoning 0845 606 2030, by completing a form at the Post Office or online at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk).

Further details of the itinerary will be given out nearer the time. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Dunnell  
**Curriculum Leader of History**





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To: Mrs Dunnell

Name of student ..... Form .....

I would like my child to take part in the day visit to the Somme battlefields on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

I enclose full payment of £48.50 (cheques should be payable to Sackville School)/I have forwarded £48.50 to Sackville School via the online payment system (please delete as appropriate).

I understand that my child must have a full valid passport and an EHIC medical insurance card

If **NOT** travelling on a UK passport please indicate below the nationality of the passport that will be used

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Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date .....

