

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a result of the tragic events last Friday in Paris we have decided that the Year 8 Enrichment trip to Ypres on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November will be cancelled. This decision is based on Foreign Office advice and the advice we have from our tour operator about both safety and the increased length of checking documents at French borders. Despite the importance of the trip to Year 8 students in developing their understanding of the First World War, as well as paying our respect to the fallen soldiers, the school believes this decision is in the best interests of student safety and wellbeing.

As an alternative provision for your child on Enrichment Day, we will be taking students to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire. The museum will allow us to explore some aspects of the human cost of war as well as an exploration as a development of warfare over time, both key elements of the Year 8 curriculum. Furthermore, this is a great opportunity to develop student understanding of the Second World War, which is a topic they will be studying later on in the year.

Students should arrive at the Weald from 7.30am for a 7.40am registration in the school canteen. We will depart as soon as all students are registered. Please can you try to drop your sons and daughters off at the front of school in the leisure centre car park not in the bus lanes as our coaches will be parked there. Too many cars, in addition to the coaches will potentially cause a traffic issue in this area. We will be returning to school at approximately 5.30pm.

Students are still required to wear school uniform and they should wear suitable footwear for walking outside in poor weather. A waterproof coat is also still a requirement. Students should bring a packed lunch with a drink. There is a gift shop so students may want to bring a small amount of spending money, this should be a sensible amount and is wholly the responsibility of the student to look after it.

Due to the change in destination, the school is expecting to refund some money to parents/carers and, therefore no extra cost will be incurred. This refund will be processed in due course.

Our standards of behaviour and rules regarding trips remain the same as if we were travelling abroad. In addition, as these are very unusual circumstances and time is very short we will presume these new arrangements are acceptable to parents and that we have your consent. If this is not the case, please contact the finance department either by email [finance@theweald.org.uk](mailto:finance@theweald.org.uk) or telephone 01403 787223.

Yours sincerely



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