

# St. Julie's Catholic High School



## Information pack for parents/carers



## **Important information:**

### **Company your daughter will be going with:**

NST

Discovery House, Brooklands Way,  
Whitehills Business Park, Blackpool. Lancashire. FY4 5LW

**01253 833 833**

Educational Tour Co-ordinator – Elaine Morrison

**Staff accompanying the trip** *(Phone numbers will be provided to you prior to departure – including a home base number with someone at school.)*

Mr Anderson (First Aider)

Mrs Mannings

Mrs Mason

Mrs Fielding

Mr Glover (NST Guide)

### **Accommodation details:**

Chateau d'Ebbingham,  
1934 Route Nationale  
59173 Ebbingham  
France

**+33 328 440156**

<http://www.nstgroup.co.uk/chateau-debblinghem>

The participants will be pleased to note that there is **wi-fi** available!

### **Coach details:**

Cass of Wirral (1 x 49 seat coach)

Tel 0151-677-1684

<http://www.casscoaches.com/>

### **Insurance details:**

Participants are insured under the NST policy with Fogg Travel Insurance Services Ltd. Parents/carers are referred to the KeyFacts and Insurance Policy available at:

[www.nstgroup.co.uk/insurance](http://www.nstgroup.co.uk/insurance)

## **DRAFT ITINERARY as at 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

**(May be subject to slight alteration.)**

### **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

***Participants need to bring their own packed lunch or money to buy food on the way down.***

Depart from St. Julie's at 5:00 a.m.

Ferry from Dover @ 12:30

Arriving Calais @ 15:25

Short drive to Hill 62 trenches and Essex Farm

***Then to Chateau d'Ebblinghem for tea then activities in evening.***

***(Wellington boots or sturdy footwear will be required for 1<sup>st</sup> day.)***



### **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

#### **Sites of The Battle of the Somme 1916**

Vimy Ridge – tunnels

Beaumont-Hamel memorial

Thiepval – where we will have lunch

Ulster Tower

Lochnagar Crater - La Boisselle

Delville Wood

***Back to Chateau d'Ebblinghem for tea then activities in evening.***

### **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

#### **Sites in Belgium**

**Mons** and then

**Namur** (the base of the Sisters of Notre Dame) where we will have lunch – visit the Heritage Centre, walking tour of the town to include places where St. Julie herself walked and lived – Cathedral, Bishop's House, 1<sup>st</sup> School and House. Opportunity for shopping.

***Back to Chateau d'Ebblinghem for tea then activities in evening.***

### **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**PARC ASTERIX** theme park including an incredible dolphin show and acrobat show as well as rides galore (2 hours from BASE)

***Back to Chateau d'Ebblinghem for tea then activities in evening.***

### **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016** - 45 minutes from BASE

***Participants need to keep some money to buy food on the way home.***

Passchaendale museum

Tyne Cot - the biggest Commonwealth war grave site

Langemark – the German war grave site

Ferry from Calais @ 15:30

Arriving Dover @ 15:50

**Arrive back at St. Julie's @ 10:30 p.m.**

***(We will get participants to contact parents/carers on the journey back to give an update on progress.)***

## **Clothes:**

- As the weather is unpredictable, a waterproof/resistant coat is essential. Footwear should enable participants to walk across uneven (and potentially soggy) ground.
- Trainers for use in the Chateau and grounds are desirable.
- Clothes should be appropriate for visiting sites of remembrance.
- In the case of a late summer heatwave, suncream would be required.
- Participants need to bring a bottle so they can fill it with water to remain hydrated.
- Participants should bring sleepwear, toiletries and towel.

## **Spending Money – How much will I need?**

Chateau d'Ebblinghem provides breakfast, packed lunch (*which pupils can make up themselves*) and evening meal. All dietary requirements can be accommodated as long as we know in advance.

Participants need to bring sufficient money to get food on the journey. We recommend that **150 Euro** would be plenty for food and drinks across the five days and would only need any additional money if they wished to buy souvenirs.

**Participants will need to look after their own money and budget accordingly.**

They can bring food and drinks with them for the coach journey to save spending money at service stations.

We will be taking our own tuck shop – drinks and confectionery - to keep costs of treats down for pupils.

## **Behaviour**

In order to ensure safety and enjoyment, participants are reminded that they are expected to behave as they do in school, following instructions and being courteous.

They will be assigned to teams under the leadership of a member of staff.

At no point are they to wander off from the main party without permission.

On those occasions when they are given the opportunity to explore in groups, they must remain in those groups. They will be given designated places and times when staff will be available and also emergency phone numbers on which to contact staff.

## **Documents**

Participants should bring their passports and EHIC cards with them and hand them to group leader prior to departure. They will be returned to them on the coach on the last leg of the return journey.

## **Responsibility**

Participants will be responsible for looking after their own money (*a money belt might be a good idea*) and devices (*phones etc*). Charges for data and phone use overseas can be prohibitive. Parents are advised to make enquiries with their own providers and advise their children appropriately.

*Feel free to contact Mr Anderson at school if you have any questions.*

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