



10 November 2023

Dear parent/carers

I write to you following the pre-trip meeting that took place in October for the Ypres Trip. I will also send a hardcopy of this letter via your child so that you will be able to complete the attached EV3 consent form.

Departure for the trip will be from Solent Line Cruises West Cowes terminal on Thetis Wharf, Medina Road, Cowes, PO31 7BX. Please ensure that you drop your child off at 4.30 am on 7 December 2023. This is to ensure the boat departs promptly at 5.00 am. At this point, please pass any prescription or non-prescription medication your child may require to Mr Binfield in a carrier bag with the medication in its original container and with the pupil's name clearly visible. Please also provide the dosage and timings required on a piece of paper within the bag.

As was detailed in the trip briefing, lunch and dinner for the first day are provided as is breakfast and lunch on the second day. However the students will require some money for any food/drinks they wish to purchase outside of this and, of course, any gifts. We cannot recommend amounts of money but it may be useful to have some of this money in cash and some placed on a prepaid travel card as more and more places are going cash free including the terminal at the shuttle.

Please may I take this opportunity to detail some basic expectations that will be in force for this trip which are detailed below:

- Day 1 is full school uniform - we are representatives of the school.
- Day 2 is sensible, casual clothes of choice.
- Please ensure that your child has adequate clothing for both wet and cold weather.
- No purchasing of ammunition or other related gifts.
- Mobile Phones - we can take no responsibility for them! If you do please enable roaming and remember the chargers.
- There must be no game consoles taken on the trip.
- Please only bring a sensible amount of money.
- **Home based contact number 07738644294.**


Attached to this letter is the EV3 form for the trip. Please return this on 17 November 2023 at the start of lunch to Mr Binfield at Medina in H9 and Mrs Mursell/Miss Keogh in G03 at Carisbrooke - It is vitally important that any allergies including those to food are detailed upon this form. Please ensure all contact details are up to date.

Before half term, a link was sent which asked for preferences for lunch. Please ensure this is completed by 17 November 2023 - the electronic link can be found [here](#).

Please also note that on 4 December, Passports and GHIC cards must be given to Mr Binfield at Medina College in H9 at the start of lunch or Mrs Mursell at Carisbrooke College in G03 at the start of lunch. These will be stored in the school safe until the trip.

Finally, collection of the students will be from Solent Line Cruises West Cowes terminal on Thetis Wharf, Medina Road, Cowes, PO31 7BX at 9.00 pm on 8 December 2023. Please note, we are unable to allow pupils to make their own way home either by walking unaccompanied or via public transport.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Binfield', written over a thin horizontal line.

Mr N Binfield
Faculty Lead for Humanities