

8th June 2020

Year 9 Battlefields Trip 29/09/20- 02/10/20 – Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to apologise for what seems like a drought of information surrounding the trip over the last couple of months. We are now able to share with you a bit more information; however at this stage I cannot still give you a definitive answer as to whether or not the trip will go ahead.

We have been in contact with the company running the trip (Galloway), and they have been able to inform us of the following details:

- The final payment date will now be in August, giving longer to pay off the remaining total. This will hopefully help you when it comes to making the trip payments to the school as we are aware it is a financially precarious time for many people at the moment.
- Galloway is currently focusing on departures within 3 weeks; as a result we are not an immediate priority as we would not be going until September/October. They are doing this so that they can work on the most up to date information, as result they cannot yet tell me what rules and regulations might apply which would or would not allow this trip to run.
- The Galloway website and its current information regarding Covid -19 can be accessed by the following link: <https://www.gallowayschools.com/coronavirus-update>.

We do not wish to have to cancel this highly valued trip, and will do everything we can to try to ensure it goes ahead as long as we can do so safely.

Several parents have enquired about whether to go ahead and get a passport. At the moment, we do not have any further information to help you make this decision. **Students must have a Passport & EHIC to be able to travel.** We are currently working on the assumption that the visit will take place, provided that the government regulations in both countries allow this to happen. Please bear in mind that there is likely to be some delay in receiving a passport, once the application has gone in.

I am sorry that I cannot give you any more concrete information at this time, but I will do as soon as more becomes available.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Giggle
Visit Leader