

September 2011

Dear Parent / Carer

BELGIUM 2012

Having enjoyed our sixteenth successful European trip in July, I am now planning a Year 8 trip to Belgium during Enrichment Week 2012. The trip will last four nights / five days and the cost should not exceed £390.00, depending on numbers and how soon we can pay the deposit. We have to ask for the deposits to be paid very quickly in order to secure the hotel and coach company of our choice.

Your child will need personal spending money only as this price will include the following:

- ◆ **Full board and accommodation** – in a 3* hotel, visited by a KHS group on 6 previous occasions, where every room will have en-suite accommodation. We insist upon this for security reasons. The trip will be organised by NST (National School Tours) in consultation with school.
- ◆ **Transport** – by coach and ferry from school to the hotel. The coach will be available for our use during our stay.
- ◆ **Collective passport and insurance.** Students will **not** need their own passport or insurance.
- ◆ **Study Pack** – a Diary to be completed during our visit, based on what we see and do.
- ◆ **Activities** – previous activities have included visits to famous landmarks, World War 1 sites, a small theme park, a horse dairy farm, a chocolate factory, a windmill, a dolphinarium, bowling, shopping and evenings on the beach and promenade. Specific details of activities / visits for this trip will be arranged at a later date, but will include similar experiences.

Payment – will be made in instalments, including the deposit, between now and April 2012. Details will be issued later.

Staff – will include 5 or 6 members of staff, depending on numbers, with a staff to student ratio of 1:9 maximum.

We feel that the benefits to be gained from this trip are:

- ◆ the opportunity to visit foreign countries and experience their culture
- ◆ exposure to a foreign language in a living situation
- ◆ an introduction to World War 1, which will be studied at the beginning of Year 9
- ◆ experience of using and understanding the euro

- ◆ a chance to mix with other students from the same year, to consolidate current friendships and establish new ones
- ◆ the development of social skills required from a residential stay with others and respect for other people e.g. other hotel users
- ◆ fun in a controlled environment, together with new learning opportunities

Period before departure within which written notification of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 70 days	All deposits paid
70-29 days before departure	60% (or total deposits due if greater)
28-15 days before departure	80%
14 days or less before departure	100%

If you would like your son / daughter to be considered for this trip, please complete the form below and return it, together with the appropriate deposit in cash or cheque, to **Mrs. Hamilton's letter-box**, in an envelope clearly marked with your **child's name, form** and **BELGIUM 2012**, by **Wednesday 28th September**.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Smith
Trip organiser

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STUDENT'S NAME _____

FORM _____

I would like my son / daughter to be considered for the above trip in July 2012 and submit a deposit of **£30.00**, by cheque or cash.

I understand that this deposit **will only be refunded** if my child is **not selected** for the trip,

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____