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Dear Parent/Carer,

Business / Economics trip to Brussels, Belgium, 24th – 27th October 2022 (Year 13)

We are excited to announce details for the 2022 Business and Economics trip to Brussels. We would like to offer the students at the school a chance to broaden their knowledge of economics and business by giving them a greater realistic experience of economics and business.

We have selected Brussels as it has a range of different industry tours centred on finance and business practices that would provide a more realistic experience. There will also be opportunities for students to explore the city of Brussels and Bruges. This experience will benefit both business and economics students by giving them the opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of business and the impact of the EU on business and see how businesses operate in an international context.

The cost is **£335**, which includes half-board accommodation and all travel however students will be required to buy their lunches. The cost is spread over 2 payments: a non-refundable deposit of **£150**, and a final payment of **£185**. The cost of the trip includes:

- 3 nights half board accommodation
- Atomium visit
- Audi Brussels Factory Tour
- Bank of Belgium Museum
- Bruges town visit
- Coca Cola Factory Tour
- Concept Chocolate Brussels guided tour
- Parliament of the EU
- 3-hour tour of Brussels

If you would like your child to participate on this trip we require a non-refundable deposit of **£150** via ParentPay by **30th November 2021**. If the trip is over-subscribed, places will be allocated by a lottery with names drawn from a hat. If your child is not successful in gaining a place your deposit will be refunded.

Please note that by making your deposit payment you are undertaking to make full payment by the given deadlines. Please also note that our tour operator, Travelbound, does not differ from other tour companies with regard to cancellations and cancellation fees will apply therefore, should you decide to remove your child from the trip all payments we have made to the tour operator will not be refunded unless we are able to fill the place with another student.



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As with all visits, it is important to stress that student participation on this trip is subject to their good conduct in school and if your child is removed from this trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date may not be refunded.

Health requirements/testing

The school will follow all advice given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Education and our tour operators when it comes to overseas travel for school trips. The tour operators we use provide both ABTA and ATOL protection as part of our tour packages. In the event that the FCO advises "against all travel" to an area or region, then these policies provide protection to prevent any loss in case of necessary cancellation. The school holds travel insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides cover in case of travel disruption, medical issues and other emergencies. This insurance **does not** cover any personal items including money, phones, gadgets and clothing in case of loss, damage or theft. Should you decide to remove your son/daughter from any trip where travel is still advised then this will not be covered by insurance, ABTA or ATOL. We will keep you updated with any recommended vaccinations and health precautions but please note testing is not included in the cost of the trip and you may incur additional costs should these be a requirement at time of travel and will be the responsibility of parent/carers.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ros Ellis in the finance department.

Yours sincerely

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