

JRCS ACHIEVE Days

Year 9

Autumn 2016



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SUCCESS FOR ALL

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ACHIEVE

Year 9 ACHIEVE Days Reply Sheet



I agree to my son/daughter/ward taking part in the following:

- Ypres Trip on Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th October 2016
- Fair Trade, DT and Food Activities on Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th October 2016

I have read and understood the information about the visits/activities. I understand these ACHIEVE days are a core part of the school curriculum and all students are expected to attend all visits/activities. There is no option to select part of the programme.

I understand that while the school staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the children, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son/daughter/ward which occurs as a result of the visits/activities.

The voluntary contributions for these visits/activities is £45 or £22.50 for those families on income support. In exceptional circumstances, financial assistance is available to those families not in receipt of income support (usually up to 30% of the cost of the visits). If you would like to apply for financial assistance or have any other questions regarding payment, please contact Mrs Cooper in writing at the School Finance Office.

PLEASE DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY FOR TRIPS ONTO YOUR CHILD'S DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT

Please tick if applicable

- ☐ My son/daughter/ward is eligible for Free School Meals and will require a packed lunch to be provided by the school
- ☐ I need logon details for ParentPay
- ☐ I do not have a credit/debit card and need a barcode to pay at a PayPoint

I will be paying via ParentPay as follows:-

Families who are not in receipt of income support:

- ☐ the full amount of £45, or
- ☐ a deposit of £22.50 by Tuesday 4th October plus one payment of £22.50 by Friday 14th October

Families who do receive income support:

- ☐ I am in receipt of income support (**please attach photocopied evidence, only if your child does not receive free school meals**)
- ☐ the full amount of £22.50, or
- ☐ a deposit of £11.50 by Tuesday 4th October, plus one payment of £11 by Friday 14th October

Families who are requesting financial assistance:

- ☐ I attach a letter requesting financial assistance, and will pay
- ☐ a deposit of £11.50 by Tuesday 4th October (the remainder to be paid once the outcome of your request has been received)

Student name:

Form:

Medication

Medication needed during the course of the visit should be clearly labelled with the dosage and handed with written instructions to the trip leader who will oversee the student self-administering. Only the required dosage should be carried. Post-16 students will be responsible for their own medication unless staff support is requested by the parent/carer.

Asthma

Please be aware that all students who suffer from asthma are required to carry their own pumps with them at all times. Only in severe cases will the group leader keep a spare pump which must be supplied by the parent/carer.

I also agree to authorise members of staff during the course of the visit to approve such medical treatment for my child as deemed necessary in an emergency or on the advice of a qualified practitioner.

Signature of Parent/Carer:

Name (please print):

My email address is

Tel: home mobile

***Please return to the Finance Office no later than Friday 7th October 2016.
Remember no cash or cheques will be accepted at the school.***

VISITS TO YPRES AND FAIR TRADE, DT AND FOOD ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th October 2016

History Section - Ypres

The focus for the Ypres visit is for students to visit and experience first-hand the cemeteries and battlefields of the First World War. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to appreciate the realities of fighting on the Western Front. The day will include visits to the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, a section of the trenches at Hill 62 - Sanctuary Wood, and the war memorials at Langemark and Tyne Cot Cemetery.

Wednesday 19th October 2016 A, B, C and D

Thursday 20th October 2016 E, F, G and H

Travel/timings - Travel will be by coach via the Channel Tunnel. Students will need to arrive at school promptly at 5.15am and will be registered in tutor groups and then put into family groups. It is estimated that students will return to school at 10pm, clear roads permitting. Should there be any delay, Castle Green will be informed, and a notice posted in the community foyer.

Equipment/money - Students **must** bring a valid passport and EHIC card. They may bring spending money in Euros up to the value of £10 which they will have the opportunity to spend in Ypres. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss of money for any reason. Students may wish to bring a cheap disposable camera to record what they see, in addition to the notes that they make. Staff cannot accept responsibility for cameras or other equipment that students may bring on the visit. Sites visited in Belgium can be damp and muddy in October and, whilst we will do our best to ensure that students' property is not damaged, it is ultimately each individual student's responsibility. Students will need something firm to lean on, such as a clipboard, and must have pens and pencils.

Dress - Students will be expected to wear school uniform and should bring weatherproof clothing. A change of trousers and shoes is also highly recommended as it can be very muddy at the site of the trenches.

Food/Breakfast/Lunch - Due to the early start students should bring a packed breakfast to eat (if they wish). Students should also bring a packed lunch. It is also advised that students bring extra food for an evening meal. Alternatively, there should be time to purchase food in the town of Ypres which will be the last stop before the return journey. Please ensure that students have sufficient water. Any student who would normally be in receipt of a free school meal can order a packed lunch on these days; please tick the appropriate option on the reply slip.

Party Leader

Mr Hayes – Head of History

Geography, DT and Food Sections - Fair Trade, DT and Food Activities

Students will work in school for the whole day spending two hours in each of these departments on a variety of activities which are detailed below.

Geography - The main theme of the day is globalisation and fair trade. Students will work in groups on a very exciting international trade game that requires team work, planning and strategy skills. They will be fully engaged in trying to outwit each other and emerge triumphant on the world stage. This will also give students a concept of the wider application of geographical knowledge.

DT - During the Design Technology section of the day students will be actively involved in teams and given a range of creative problem solving tasks focusing around Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths work. There will also be some explanation of careers, opportunities and pathways within the worlds of Design, Engineering and Construction.

Food - The session for food will introduce students to the GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. The theme for this subject will be 'Roses all the Way'. Students learn about careers in the food industry as well as being able to participate in a number of different practical activities.

Wednesday 19th October 2016 E, F, G and H

Thursday 20th October 2016 A, B, C and D

Timings - Students will need to arrive at school promptly at the normal time (8.30 am) and will be registered in tutor groups and then put into family groups. Students will be dismissed later than normal at 3.40pm to allow for two hours of activity in each area.

Dress - Students will be expected to wear school uniform.

Lunch

Students will be able to purchase food from the canteen as normal on the day they are involved in Fair Trade, DT and Food activities.

Party Leaders

Mr Bourne - Head of Geography

Miss Banjo - Head of DT

Mr Kirkbride - Head of Food & DT Faculty



GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

As part of our commitment to 'Success For All' at JRCS, we firmly believe extra-curricular activities play an important role in the life of a school. We are therefore delighted that we have been able to organise a range of visits and activities full of exciting and unusual opportunities to broaden the horizons of our Year 9 students.

As these important 'core' ACHIEVE days are a compulsory part of the curriculum, all students are required to attend *all* of the visits/activities, as stated in the Home/School Agreement section of the JRCS Admission Form. Please write promptly to Mr Smith outlining the problem if there is any reason your child is unable to participate.

If this is the case, we regret that we cannot be responsible for your child on *any* of the ACHIEVE days and your child will therefore need to remain at home under your supervision on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October 2016.

Cost

The school has subsidised the visits in order to reduce the voluntary contribution from parents for these events to £45 per student (or £22.50 per student if families claim Income Support) and this will cover all transport and insurance.

All payments need to be made via ParentPay as no cash or cheques will be accepted at school. To use the ParentPay website:

- Go to www.parentpay.com
- Log on as normal using the username and password previously supplied. Please ensure you do not try to pay for trips by putting money on to the dinner money account.
- Click on 'Items for Payment' tab at the top, and then select 'Year 9 ACHIEVE Days'
- Check the amount you wish to pay is correct and change if necessary
- Press continue at the bottom and confirm the amount on the next screen
- Enter your credit or debit card details and complete the transaction
- You will be emailed a receipt shortly afterwards. (Please ensure you have registered an e-mail address with ParentPay).

If you do not have a debit/credit card, please tick the box on the reply slip to request a barcode for use at a PayPoint.

Each family will need to return the reply slip by Friday 7th October and pay by Tuesday 4th October the total amount in a single instalment, or an initial payment of £22.50 (£11.50 for those on Income Support), and a further payment of £22.50 (£11 for those on Income Support) by Friday 14th October.

If financial assistance is being requested, this should not delay the returning of the form, and a deposit of £11.50 will be required (please see reply sheet).

Please note that deposits are non-refundable once paid, unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

Code of Conduct

Should your child infringe the school's code of conduct for behaviour between now and the start of the ACHIEVE days leading the school to conclude that they would pose a significant threat to the health and safety of any of the visits, they will be excluded from the party and you will bear full responsibility for any costs incurred.

Pastoral Care

We are very aware that on any visit our first priority must be safety and security. We are therefore organising the visit so each student will belong to a small 'family'. Each family will be allocated a member of staff who will keep a close eye on their family members.

In particular, they will:

- be someone students can talk to if they have any worries;
- ensure students observe our usual high standards of courtesy and respect;
- ensure students keep to pre-arranged timings;
- support students in completion of tasks and worksheets.

Insurance

Full personal insurance for these visits is included, taken out through the Local Authority.

Dress

Students will be expected to wear school uniform, including suitable footwear, for all of the ACHIEVE days and should also bring appropriate weatherproof clothing, including a coat.

Food

Students should bring a packed lunch on all of the ACHIEVE days unless otherwise stated on the trip description. Please ensure that students have sufficient water. Any student who would normally be in receipt of a free school meal and requires a packed lunch, please tick the appropriate option on the reply sheet.

Mobile phones/personal belongings

Students will be allowed to bring with them on the visits personal electronic games and iPods. However, these are to be used during the journey only. If used at any other point during the trip, items will be confiscated and handed in to the School Office as usual.

Mobile phones are allowed but are subject to the usual School rules that they must be turned off and kept in bags and are only to be used on the instructions of staff.

Items are the responsibility of the students at all times and the School will not be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred.