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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: History Department Trip to WWI Battlefields - France and Belgium

I would like to invite you to a parents' information evening in the main school hall on Thursday October 22nd at 6.15pm. (after the y11 Berlin trip meeting so please bear with me if that meeting overruns) Please enter the school through the main doors at the front. The meeting should not last more than half an hour and I will take the opportunity to go through the itinerary with you and go over the arrangements for the trip. At this point, however, I would like to advise you that all students coming on the trip must have a valid passport and there must be enough time left on the passport to satisfy current regulations. At the time of writing the UK Government website includes the following advice on travel to France:

Your passport must be:

- **Issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue')**
- **valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')**

If your son/daughter's passport does not fulfil these requirements you will need to renew is as soon as possible. Please keep me informed of any passport applications you have to make in order to fulfil these requirements.

In advance of the meeting could you please complete the MS form below – if you are renewing a passport please enter 'renewing passport' as the answer to Q15 and N/A as an answer to questions 16, 17 and 18.
UGS Battlefield Trip 2026 – Fill in form

Finally, can I also ask that final payments are made as soon as possible but by half term at the latest? I look forward to seeing you all (no real need for students to attend but they are more than welcome) in the main hall on **October 22nd**. However, if you have any questions regarding the trip that you need a more urgent answer to, please do not hesitate to contact me on e-mail on mmcpartland@urmstongrammar.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mr M McPartland
(Head of History)