



LS03AT

March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 13 A Level Business, Economics and Politics residential trip to Brussels
Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 October 2024**

Thank you for your initial expression of interest for your child/ward to take part in a residential trip to Brussels in Autumn 2024. The residential, arranged through NST Tours, will take place from the Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 October 2024. We will depart from West Kirby Tuesday morning and travel by coach to Manchester Airport, where we will fly to Brussels. We will be staying for three nights (4 days) on a bed and breakfast basis at The Bedford hotel in the centre of the wonderful city which is renowned for its rich history, culture and architecture.

The estimated cost of the trip is approximately £780, although this will be finalised once flights are booked. This price covers transport to and from the airports, insurance, breakfast, 2 course evening meals and entrance fees to the various sites on the programme. There are 20 places available for this trip. To reserve a place, we kindly ask that a **deposit of £200 be paid online, via scopay, by Monday 15 April 2024.**

PROGRAMME

The provisional programme is as follows:

Day 1: Tuesday 15 October 2024	Travel Transfer by coach to the hotel. Check in at the hotel. Restaurant evening meal in Brussels.
Day 2: Wednesday 16 October 2024	Breakfast at the hotel. AM Visit to Parliamentarium. Visit to European Union. Lunch in the main square area. PM Concept Chocolate. Restaurant evening meal in Brussels.
Day 3: Thursday 17 October 2024	Breakfast at the hotel. Coach transfer to Stella Artois Brewery. Coach transfer back to Brussels centre. Afternoon as free time. Restaurant evening meal in Brussels.
Day 4: Friday 18 October 2024	Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Late AM – Visit to the National bank of Belgium (guided). The rest of the day will be independent sightseeing and free time for shopping. 17:00 – Depart on coach from the hotel and travel to the airport. 18:30 – Check in for flight home.



INSURANCE

Students will be covered by the school's travel insurance policy. If your child/ward has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will still be in date during the trip, they will be able to use this. If they do not, you will need to apply for Global Health Insurance Card on the NHS website.

We have an extensive insurance policy, but these cards allow for quick and easy access to healthcare in the unfortunate event it becomes necessary.

PAYMENTS

Deposit

A deposit of £200 is required by NST Tours and I would ask you to ensure that this is paid by **Monday 15 April 2024**. Payments should be made via Scopay. Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate additional information directly to me (staff organising trip). Please note that numbers for this trip are limited to 20 students and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The 2nd Payment

A second deposit of £200 will then be required by **Friday 24 May 2024**.

Payment of the final balance is to be confirmed but will be due for payment by **Friday 12 July 2024**. Please also complete the attached slip giving passport information and return it to Miss L Stowell once payment of the deposit has been made. Please ensure that the passport being used for travel is valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave Brussels; it should therefore be valid until at least **Friday 17 January 2025**.

Please be aware that withdrawing from the trip after a place is confirmed will mean that deposits cannot be returned, and further payments may need to be made. We do expect high demand for places so please adhere to the deadlines given.

Yours sincerely

L Stowell

Miss L Stowell
Teacher of Business

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.



Passport Information Form Trip to Brussels - October 2024

Name (as it appears on passport)	
Date of Birth	
Country of Issue	
Nationality (as listed on passport)	
Date of issue	
Expiry date	

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