



20th November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: CHRISTMAS TRUCE TRIP – YPRES, FRANCE

You will be aware of the recent deeply saddening events in Paris and will have seen coverage of the subsequent threat to French national security. As a result we have taken the decision to postpone the trip scheduled for early December.

The French Government has banned all internal school trips by French schools and advice to schools from East Sussex County Council is to do the same. Although this advice is currently only effective until 22 November it is possible that this embargo will be extended, without notice. In order to organise the trip effectively, it is sensible to look at rescheduling it for the spring term.

I realise this will be disappointing news but am confident you will agree that the safety and security of students is non-negotiable and must take priority. The Academy is not willing to compromise this by taking any unnecessary risk.

Mrs Reid will communicate details for the revised trip, once they are finalised in the New Year.

In the meantime, thank you for your understanding and support in the decision.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Hatley
PRINCIPAL