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Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 8 MFL Christmas Trip to Brussels

At Bolingbroke Academy we believe that an educational visit is a fantastic opportunity for children to build on their schoolwork in an exciting, interesting and informative way.

We are therefore organising an educational visit to Belgium and would like to offer our pupils the opportunity to take part in a short trip to the world famous Belgium Christmas Market in Brussels on Thursday, 3rd December 2015. The total cost of the trip is yet to be finalised but will be in the region of £115.00 per person. This includes the following:

- All travel costs (Eurostar & coach)
- Collective passport fee (if applicable)
- Visit to the Brussels Christmas Markets
- Centre BD (Comic Museum and activities)
- Travel Insurance

Our pupils will be given the opportunity to visit the Christmas Market, which offers a huge range of foods, gifts, decorations as well as a traditional Belgium Christmas fare. You can find out more and see pictures of the Christmas market by visiting:

http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/minisite_winterwonders.do

Furthermore our pupils will be given language tasks to complete, which will require them to interact with French-speaking shop and stall keepers, ask for directions and find out information. This is an excellent opportunity to practise the French language 'for real' and experience an important aspect of European culture.

This will be the first time many of our pupils would have been given the opportunity to visit a French speaking country and we have found in the past that trips such as this increase our pupils' motivation and their enjoyment of learning a foreign language immeasurably.

If your child already has a passport, or if you have the resource to get a passport in the next couple of weeks, please tick the box on the reply slip below. We would advise purchasing a passport where possible.

The dates and approximate timings of the trip will be confirmed in the next letter.

Next steps:

Please **sign** and **return** the attached form and **make payment** via WisePay to secure your child's place. Please ensure that you have ticked the box on the return slip to say you have done so. If payment and returning the form is not completed by the given date, pupils may lose their place to someone on the waiting list.

Important: We are arranging a group passport for all our pupils. Please fill in and return the attached form as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding the trip by emailing me on b.sherman@arkbolingbrokeacademy.org.

Please note that we are able to support pupils on Free School Meals financially to enable all our pupils to go – please let Ms Sherman know if you wish to be considered for financial support as we would not want anyone to miss this opportunity on financial grounds.

Yours sincerely

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I, (insert name)as the parent / carer of

Pupil name:

House: Civitas Tutor:

give permission for him / her to join the Belgium Christmas Market trip to Brussels on Thursday, 3rd December 2015.

My child has/will have his/her own passport for the trip.

Please indicate on the slip below if you wish your child to participate in this trip and return the slip by **Thursday, 15th October 2015**.

Please tick here to confirm that you have made payment via WisePay for a deposit of £50.