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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Politics Trip to Brussels – 16/17 October 2018

Our trip to the EU Institutions in Brussels is coming around quickly and these are the final instructions for students attending. All passport numbers should be with Mrs B Singleton at BWS, if not please email them via bjs@bws.wilts.sch.uk. Students must also submit their mobile telephone number to Mrs Anders and students will be given a school mobile phone number to add to their phone - this will be **07955 602738**.

I am sure you will agree that, courtesy of EU subsidy, the cost of the trip is extremely good value. The price does not, however, include any food. It is suggested, therefore, that students bring a packed lunch to eat en route to Brussels and a minimum of 60 Euros for food on the Tuesday evening and Wednesday. Unfortunately food is expensive in Brussels but we have endeavoured to find restaurants and cafes providing good value.

We will be doing a great deal of walking as the EU Parliament is approximately 40 minutes from our hotel so students must be sure to have appropriate footwear and waterproof clothing. If possible students must travel as lightly as possible and include in their luggage a day bag to carry a few possessions to the EU Parliament.

Finally and perhaps most importantly students must **make sure** they bring their **passport** with them as no student will be able to board the Eurostar without it. They should also bring their **EHIC card**. Students are also reminded that they are expected to keep to all **school rules** including during free time. School uniform is not required. Students are also warned to be protective of their own safety and keep in groups at all times.

Let's hope we have a great trip and the weather is kind to us.

I enclose the itinerary below and suggest students save it to their phones or print a copy to bring with them.

Kind regards

Pippa Anders
Head of Politics

School Mobile Phone Number:- 07955 602738

Itinerary

Tuesday 16th October

- **0630** Students must be ready to meet the coach for London opposite the White Hart in St John St
- **1058** depart by Euro Star (train number 9128) from London, St Pancras Station
- **1405** arrive Gare du Midi & walk to Game of Rooms Hotel Tel. number: 0032471764412 where we will settle in and meet MEP Julia Girling who has kindly agreed to meet us there at 1500
- **1630/ 1830** free time after a 15 minute walk to the Grand Place (UNESCO World Heritage site)
- **1900** meet MEP Clare Moody and then onto supper at Houtisplou Brasserie. Then back to the hotel.

Wednesday 17th October

- **0800** meet at hotel reception to walk to breakfast
- **0900** walk from hotel to EU Parliament
- **0945/ 1130** official tour of EU Parliament with Clare Moody
- **1130am/ 1300** possibly a visit to the new House of European History
- **1300/1615** walk to the city centre for lunch & free time
- **1600** leave city centre after meeting at agreed location and return to the Game of Rooms Hotel to pick up luggage
- **1630** leave for the station
- **1645** arrive station
- **1756** Eurostar (train number 9153) departs
- **1903** arrival at St Pancras
- **2130** approximate time of arrival at BWS