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OLD ALDENHAMIAN SOCIETY THREE DAY TOUR TO SOMME, VIMY RIDGE AND ARRAS
WORKING ITINERARY FRIDAY 20 TO SUNDAY 22 MAY 2016

Tour Summary	
Itinerary Number: 1	**Total Pax: 21 including guide TBC**
Outbound Date: Fri 20 May	**Inbound Date: Sun 22 May**
Departure School: 0900	**Return School: 1900**
Pickup Address: As above	**Destination Address: See below**
Coach Size: Midi Coach	**Coach Operator: TBC**
Crossing Type: Eurotunnel	**Reference: TBC**
Outbound Crossing Time: 1150	**Inbound Crossing Time: 1720**

Day 1 Fri 20 May

0830 An executive coach arrives at school.
Coach Company: TBC
Driver Details: TBC

0900 Depart school

1030 Collect Guide at **Maidstone Services, J8, M20**
Guide: Tony Hacon

1150 Outbound shuttle
Ref: tbc

1330 Arrive France (local time)

1430 Arrive Artois and Vimy Ridge area

Notre Dame de Lorette
French National Cemetery and Memorial; The causes of the Great War; the French campaigns prior to the arrival of the BEF

Cabaret Rouge CWGC - option
The role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; the BEF in 1914; the need for a 'New Army'

Vimy Ridge – Grange Tunnel to be booked and are subject to availability and weather conditions
Preserved trench system; the development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine; mine warfare; the Douai Plain – the Battle of Arras April 1917 – initial successes. Canadian Memorial to the Missing

Drive on to your hotel in Peronne and check in

Comfort Hotel-Restaurant Le Saint-Claude
42 Place Louis Daudre
80200 Peronne
France
http://hotelsaintclaude.com/

1930 Dinner in the hotel - included

Day 2 Sat 21 May

0830 After breakfast depart hotel

The Sunken Lane / Redan Ridge
The arrival and nature of the BEF; The Somme 1916; Kitchener's Army & the Pals Battalions; Recruitment; The Plan; Going over the top 1st July 1916; 1st Bn Lancashire Fusiliers; Hawthorn Ridge mine 'The Battle of the Somme' captured on film by Geoffrey Malins; the role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Auchonvillers
An opportunity for the group to handle kit and equipment and to have a good look around Avril's collection of artefacts

Light lunch at Ocean Villas Tea Rooms - included

Lochnagar Crater
The use of Mine warfare in the Great War

Fricourt German Cemetery
The German army of 1916; German cemetery ethos; Manfred von Richthofen; Reconciliation; links to WW2

Mansel Copse - The Devonshire Cemetery
Attack of the 8th & 9th Devons; Lieutenant W N Hodgson 'Before Action'

Danzig Alley
Captain Charlie May & the attack of the 22nd Manchesters 1st July 1916

1930 Return to your hotel

Evening meal under your own arrangements this evening

Day 3 Sun 22 May

0900 After breakfast check out of hotel with packed lunch

Bazentin Ridge – battlefield walk
What lessons were learned from 1st July? Background to the assault of 14th July; Did it all go to plan?

Delville Wood
South African National War Memorial; the SAI in the Great War; The Horseshoe of Woods

Optional visits: Footballers' Memorial, Longueval / New Zealand Memorial, Longueval

Flers
Enter the Tank: September 15th 1916 – a war-winning weapon?

Thiepval Memorial to the Missing
The Somme – an Allied victory? The impact of the battle; A chance for reflection; Formal close of the tour

1430 Depart the Somme

1720 Inbound Shuttle

1700 Arrive UK

1900 Arrive back at school (approx)

Your itinerary may be subject to change at short notice due to a variety of factors. Whilst every effort will be made by the guides to visit all the sites included in your itinerary, there may be times when this will not be possible.