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MFL trip to Belgium 15th – 18th July 2024





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What will we discuss tonight?

- Getting there and back
- Accommodation
- What we will see and do
- What to bring
- About our travel company
- Expectations
- Communication



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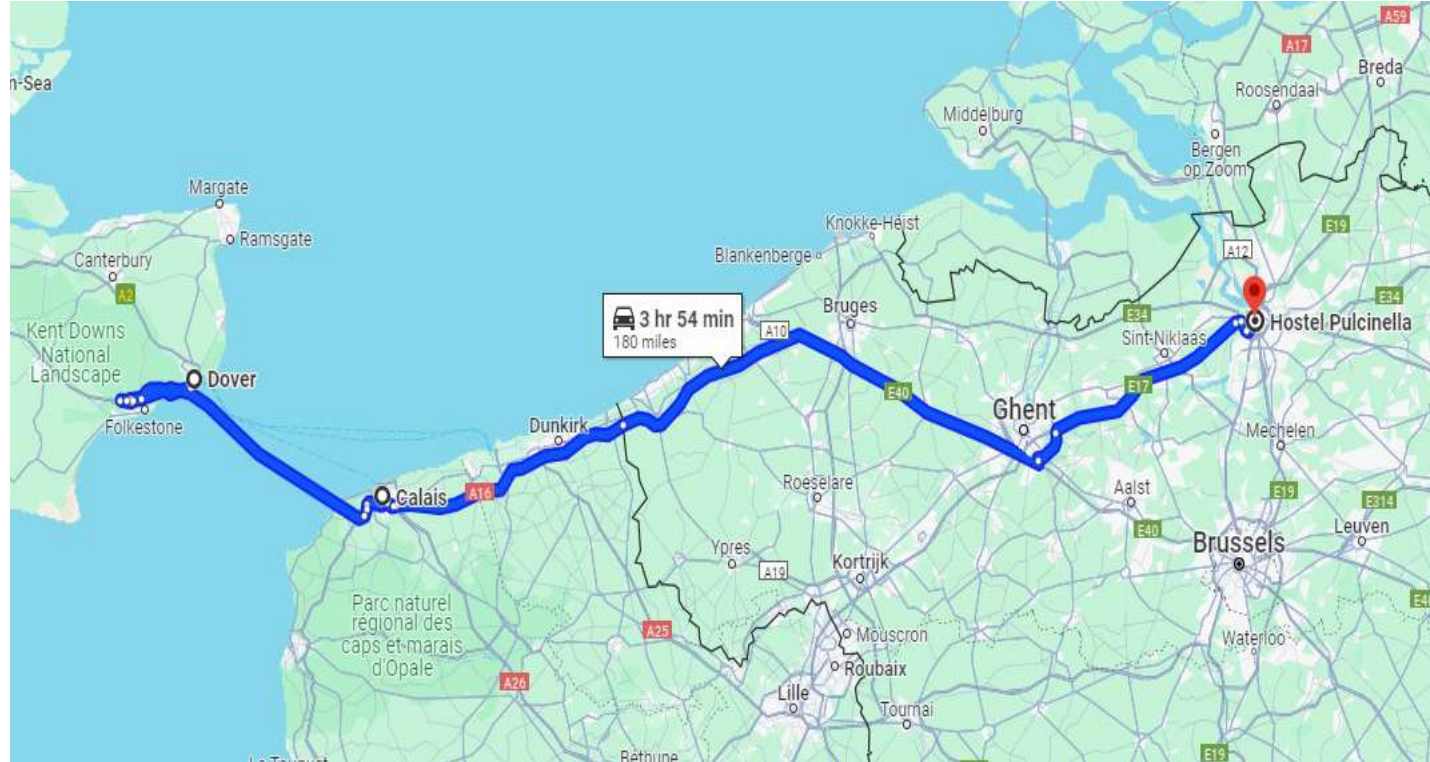
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Getting there and back...



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Monday 18th July

00:30 – Coach arrives at Etone College

01:00 – Coach departs from Etone College

05:30 – Check in at DFDS ferry port, Dover

07:40 – Depart from Dover

10:00 – Arrive in Calais (local time)

13:00 – Arrive at the hotel (VJH Antwerp “Pulcinella”)

Dinner at the hotel



Getting there and back...



Thursday 18th July 2024

16:00 – Check in at DFDS ferry port, Calais

18:00 – Depart from Calais

19:20 – Arrive in Dover (local time)

00:00 Friday 19th July – Arrive at Etone College





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Getting there and back...

- Please drop your child off and pick them up from the main car park outside the leisure centre (*00:30 drop off*)
- As we are on the coach for a long time we recommend bringing some food, something to drink and some form of sociable entertainment.
- Travel updates will be posted on X.
- Pupils will be asked to contact parents in the event of any delay on the return journey.



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What are we going to do?

- Monday – travelling to Belgium and exploring Antwerp
- Tuesday – A stop at a supermarket to get snacks and lunch, a visit to Mini-Europe, the Design Museum, the Atomium, and bowling.
- Wednesday – A visit to Walibi World Theme Park and exploring the centre of Brussels
- Thursday – A guided visit and tasting session of Concept Chocolate, the famous Belgian chocolate factory, a stop off in picturesque Bruges to explore, and then back to Etone!



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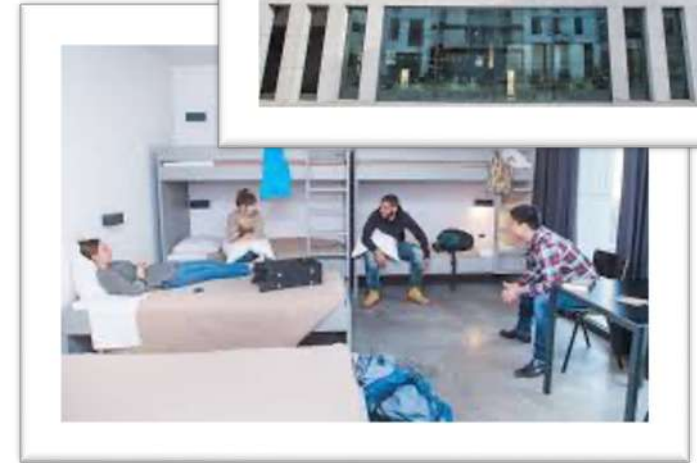
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Accommodation

- VJH Antwerp “Pulcinella”, Bogaardplein Antwerp
- This accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis. Students will receive a continental breakfast each morning and an evening meal but will need to bring some spending money for lunches.
- You need to make sure you bring your own towels.



Money



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- The currency in Belgium is the Euro (€)
- All accommodation and excursions are already paid for.
- We would advise around €20 per day spending money (lunch, souvenirs, public transport), however there will be opportunities for shopping during free-time.
- It is the students' responsibility to look after their money and budget sensibly.



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What to pack



- The weather in Brussels is similar to the weather in Britain at this time of year.
- It will be warm but it also may rain so students will need to dress accordingly.
- We will be doing a lot of walking so students will need practical and comfortable footwear.
- A raincoat might be a good idea!
- Remember to bring a towel for the hotel and adapters for plugs.
- Consider a portable charger for the long coach journeys!





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Our travel company

- We are using 'Halsbury Travel'



Halsbury travel



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In the event of an emergency

- Prior to the trip:
 - we follow the latest government travel advice with regards to travelling abroad
 - we have completed a comprehensive risk assessment to review any likely incident
- During the trip:
 - we would follow the advice given by the emergency services
 - ensure that all pupils are safe
 - contact school to inform them of the situation
 - contact parents/carers with updates



Expectations

- Normal school expectations and sanctions do still apply.
- If you are given an instruction by a member of staff you are expected to follow it – this is to ensure that the trip runs safely and smoothly for everyone involved.



Phones

- Phones are allowed but they are the students' own responsibility (i.e. lost, roaming charges, data, etc.).
- Students are allowed to take photos of themselves but not of other students/members of the public.
- No music to be played on the coach.
- No use of social media.
- Time will be given each evening to contact parents/carers.
- Any misuse of a phone will result in it being confiscated for the remainder of the trip.



Communication

- Students will be given time each evening to call home
- Travel updates and photos will be regularly posted on our department X account (@etone_mfl)
- Students will be given a staff phone number to call in the case of an emergency





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Passports, EHICs and forms

- Passports will be kept in the school safe from tonight until we leave on Monday 15th July.
- It is strongly recommended that you apply for a GHIC card and bring it with you on the day of departure.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you arrive ready for departure.



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Next steps

- Please fill out the Health and Safety Form on behalf of the travel company and return it to a member of staff.
- Please fill out the Microsoft Forms with your child's passport information.
- If you have brought your child's passport in this evening, please leave it with a member of staff before you go.
- If you have not brought your child's passport in this evening, please can you ensure that it is in school no later than Friday 28th June.
- If your child has any medical needs or dietary requirements that haven't been shared, please let a member of staff know.



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Any questions?



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