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12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

## Re: History Department visit to the Battlefields of WW2: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The History Department is offering the opportunity for History students in Year 9 to visit the Battlefields of World War One in Ypres (Belgium) and the Somme (France). This will be a two-day, one-night residential visit, with accommodation, meals, transport and relevant admissions included. The coach will depart on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** and return on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. It will be a unique opportunity for the students to immerse themselves in some of the most fascinating historical sites of the First World War.

We will be travelling with NST, who are a well-established and respected educational tour company. They have full insurance with support available both in the UK and in Europe. The package has been specifically tailored to be relevant to the students' studies, but also to expose them to the sacrifices that millions of soldiers on both sides made during the Great War. The total cost of the visit will be **£280.00**, below is a breakdown of what is included in the price:

- Executive coach for the duration of the visit
- Chanel Crossing (Ferry or Tunnel to be confirmed)
- Accommodation
- Travel Insurance and NST support
- Full board meals
- Admission to the In Flanders Field Museum
- Admission to the Sanctuary Wood Museum
- Visit to Langemark Cemetery
- Visit to Tyne Cot British cemetery
- Visit to Vimy Ridge
- Visit to Ulster Tower Memorial
- Visit to Thiepval Memorial and Visitor Centre
- Visit to the Menin Gate
- Visit to the Lochnagar Crater

The students will have the opportunity to explore real WW1 trenches, visit the underground tunnels at Vimy Ridge and pay their respects to British soldiers of the Great War at Tyne Cot Cemetery. The students will also have the opportunity to visit Belgium's world famous chocolate shops. The initial deposit to hold your place will be **£75.00**.

All deposits must be handed into the Finance Department by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023** at the latest. There are 40 places available. If more than 40 students wish to go, then 40 names will be drawn at random from those who have handed in their deposits. There will be a parents evening in the new academic year where more information about the visit will be provided.

Please note that the initial **£75.00** deposit is non-returnable if for any reason your child is unable to attend. In addition, each student will require a valid passport and EHIC card to go on this visit. This visit will be both exciting and enriching for the students; it will greatly enhance what they will be studying in their lessons. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this visit, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr J Bronkhorst**  
Pastoral Manager

**Mr A Dexter**  
Assistant Headteacher



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**PLEASE RETURN TO FINANCE OFFICE by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**WWII Battlefields Visit – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the visit to **the Battlefields of WW2**

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I enclose:  Deposit of **£75.00**

Payment Method - Please tick one: Cheque  Cash  Online

Signed ..... Parent/Carer