MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL
Specialising in English and Humanities
Headteacher – **Miss J Mead**

November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 History Trip – First World War Battlefields Visit (7th–9th July 2027)

The History Department is delighted to offer Year 10 students the opportunity to take part in a visit to the First World War Battlefields in France and Belgium from Wednesday 7th July to Friday 9th July 2027.

As part of the GCSE History curriculum, students study *Conflict and Tension, 1894–1918*, with a particular focus on the Western Front — including military tactics, trench warfare, the war of attrition, and key battles such as the Somme and Passchendaele. This trip will give students the chance to explore these topics first-hand and deepen their understanding of the conflict.

During the visit, students will:

- Examine battlefield sites and memorials to bring their classroom learning to life.
- Learn how to evaluate historical sites — a skill that supports their GCSE studies.
- Have the opportunity to visit any family graves or memorials they have researched in advance.

Although the trip will be an enriching and memorable experience, it is **not an essential part** of the GCSE course, and students who do not attend will not be disadvantaged in their examination performance.

We will be travelling by coach and ferry to France and Belgium, and the group will stay just outside the centre of Ypres. Please see the attached provisional itinerary for full details of the trip.

Cost and Payment Details

- Total cost per student is £452.00 (covering transport, accommodation, entry fees, and insurance). This is a voluntary contribution; however, if insufficient contributions are received, the trip may be cancelled.
- There are **80 places available**, allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis.** To confirm a place on this trip, a deposit of **£100.00** and parental consent must be received via ParentPay by **Monday 7th December 2026.**
- The final balance is due by Tuesday 4th May 2027.

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If, for financial reasons, you are unable to meet the full cost, or you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school's Pupil Premium Lead, Mrs Peach, via admin@moulshamhigh.org to discuss possible support options.

The school reserves the right to refuse to accept payment or subsequently withdraw this offer where there is reason to believe that a student's participation may prejudice the safety or good conduct of the trip. Should the school cancel the visit for any reason, a full refund will be made; however, all monies are non-refundable if you cancel the place.

As this is an overseas visit, students will need their **own valid passport and GHIC card**. These will be collected at the information evening in June 2027 and securely stored in the school safe until departure.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via admin@moulshamhigh.org.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Flatt
Head of Humanities

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Provisional Itinerary – subject to change

MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL ITINERARY - THREE DAY TOUR TO YPRES, THE SOMME AND ARRAS – WEDNESDAY 07 TO FRIDAY 09 JULY 2027

No. of Students	**80 TBC**	**Itinerary Details**	**C2684324 / HCR 08.06.2026 / V1**
No. of Staff	**8 TBC**	**Pickup Address**	**As above**
No. of Guides	**2 TBC**	**Accommodation Address**	**As below**
Total Passengers	**96 TBC**	**Coach Operator**	**TBC**
Departure Date	**07.07.2027**	**Coach Size**	**2 x 49-Seaters TBC**
Return Date	**09.07.2027**	**Ferry References**	**TBC**
Departure from School	**TBC**	**Outbound Crossing**	**TBC**
Return to School	**TBC**	**Inbound Crossing**	**TBC**

Day 1 Wed 07 Jul 27

0430 2 x executive coaches arrive
Coach Company: TBC
Drivers: TBC

0445 Depart school

0645 Collect guides at Stop 24, Folkestone
2 Guides required: David Barron, Beth Moore or Rick Jones – to be requested

0715 Arrive Dover ferry port and check in for outbound P&O crossing

0915 Outbound Ferry crossing – Subject to availability
Coach 1 - TBC
Coach 2 - TBC

1145 France – local time

Arrive Ypres – may include, depending on confirmed crossing times:

1315 Sandwich & bottle of water to be provided - supplier to deliver to first stand - TBC

Lijssenthoek: Causes of the Great War, ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Empire troops, the role of women in the Great War. Medicine in war: role of a casualty clearing station and further evacuation to the UK. Improvements in medicine and treatment during the war.

Langemarck: German Military Cemetery
German cemetery ethos: the role of the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge (VDK), Slaughter of the Innocents, the significance of Hitler's 1940 visit; links to the causes of WW2.

1530 & 1600 Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 – Booking required, subject to availability
Museum with a British bunker system an opportunity for the group to handle equipment and weaponry and for a member of the group to dress in Great War uniform. Recreation of a trench system: the development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, technology, problems with trench fighting.

Tyne Cot CWGC: 3rd Ypres the final phases: the Battle of Passchendaele October 1917 to the end of the war, Remembrance.

Ypres: Subjects covered may include: Menin Gate, rebuilding Ypres.

1730 Into Ypres for an opportunity for Chocolate shopping, subject to their availability

1815 Dinner in Ypres
Pacific Eiland – Booking required, subject to availability

1930 Depart for accommodation

2130 Arrive in Albert and check in to hostel

The Poppies d'Albert – TBC
1 Rue du 8 Mai 1945
Albert 80300
France

Towels are not provided

Day 2 Thu 08 Jul 27

1000 Depart accommodation after breakfast with packed lunches

Sunken Lane (or Serre for a change, decide on the day)
The Somme 1916; Kitchener's Army and the Pals Battalions; Recruitment; The Plan for 1st July 1916; 1st Bn Lancashire Fusiliers; 'Going over the top'.

Battlefield Walk from Sunken Lane to Newfoundland Park, including Hawthorn Crater

Newfoundland Memorial Park: The Newfoundland Regiment on 1st July; Preserved trench system and an opportunity to walk across the battlefield.

1330 Ulster Tower (to eat packed lunches) – Booking required, subject to availability
The Story of the 36th Ulster Division, background to the Troubles: the story of Billy McFadzean VC

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

Thiepval Memorial to the Missing: The Somme – a British victory? The impact of the battle; A chance for reflection. Act of Commemoration and an opportunity to lay a wreath.

1800 Evening meal at Ocean Villas with Show and Tell – Booking required, subject to availability

Return to accommodation

Briefing for day 3 as required

Day 3 Fri 09 Jul 27

0745 Depart accommodation after breakfast with packed lunches

Arrive Arras area to include:

0900 Arrival at Wellington Quarry – for bookings at 0915, 0930, 0945, 1000, 1015 & 1030 – Booking required, Subject to availability
'The Underground War' – guided tour of the tunnels used by the British Army in the lead up to the Arras Offensive of 1917.

Neuville St Vaast German Cemetery: The German army of 1914; German cemetery ethos: the role of the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge (VDK); links to the causes of WW2.

Vimy Ridge: Trench and mine warfare; battlefield walk to view the Douai plain – the Battle of Arras April 1917 – initial successes.

1300 Depart for ferry

1520 Check in for inbound P&O Ferry

1720 Inbound ferry crossing – Subject to availability
Coach 1 - TBC
Coach 2 - TBC

1750 Arrive UK (local time) and depart for School via Stop 24 to drop off guides.

1950 Arrive school (approx. time only)

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. Please note, Anglia Tours cannot accept responsibility for any visits and excursions which you book direct. We recommend that you always carry out your own risk assessment on arrival.

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