



23rd November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: BATTLEFIELDS VISIT – YEAR 9

The History department has organised a visit in the summer for Year 9 students to study and experience the First World War Battlefield sites. The new History GCSE curriculum includes a unit on Conflict and tension, 1894–1918. This includes a focus on The Western Front: military tactics and technology, including trench warfare; the war of attrition; key battles, including the Somme and Passchendaele, the reasons for, the events and significance of these battles. The trip will enable students to use their field work to improve their understanding of the conflict and the value of visiting historical sites. They will also be shown how to evaluate historical sites, which will form part of the new GCSE. Students will also have an opportunity to visit any family graves or memorials they have researched prior to the trip. Whilst the trip will be valuable to students, it is not an essential part of the GCSE. Students that choose not to attend will not be limited in their chances for success.

The Battlefields Trip has been moved from November to July to allow for students to make their decision for their GCSE options. The trip is **only open to prospective GCSE history students** and will run from **Monday 10th July to Wednesday 12th July 2017**. We will be travelling by coach and Channel Tunnel to France and Belgium; the group will stay just outside centre of Ypres in Belgium.

Please see the attached itinerary.

The total cost of this trip is £284.00. This is to cover, for example, transport, entry fees and insurance (a copy of the insurance policy is available from the school on request). This is a voluntary contribution. We must emphasise, however, that if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions and the trip is financially non-viable it will be cancelled. Should you feel that, for financial reasons, you are unable to fund all or part of the trip, please contact the finance department at the school.

The school reserves the right to refuse to accept payment or subsequently withdraw this offer where there is reason to suggest 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.

There will be only 80 places available, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. By returning the attached slip your child will have a place reserved on the trip. However, we **must** receive the deposit of £90.00 by **no later than Friday 16th December 2016**. If payment is not received by this date then your child will lose their place and it will be opened up to the reserve list. The final balance must be paid by **Monday, 8th May 2017**. The trip is payable through Parent Pay, cash or cheque.



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By signing and returning the enclosed medical form to Student Services you agree to your son/daughter taking part in this trip. As this visit is overseas we will require each student to have his/her own passport and an EHIC card. Passports and EHIC cards will be collected at the information evening in June to complete our final check and they will be stored in the school safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Flatt
Head of Faculty

TO: STUDENT SERVICES

Battlefields Visit – Year 9
Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th July 2017



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Name: _____ **Form:** _____

I hereby agree that by signing this form my son / daughter will have a place reserved on the above trip and I will make payment by Friday 16th December to secure their place. If payment is not received by this date, then the place will be lost.

Signature
(Parent): _____ **Date:** _____