

29th September 2017

Dear Parent

Trip to Ypres – July 2018

In the summer of 2018, the History department is organising an educational trip for Year 8 pupils. The trip is a residential visit overseas to Ypres, the region of Belgium which saw some of the fiercest fighting during WW1. The trip will take place over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of July.

The trip will include visits to original, restored and recreated trenches across Ypres, museums and cemeteries for each of the combatants in the fight for Ypres. The pupils will also have the opportunity to visit the Menin gate in Ypres and witness the last post memorial service; a service which is likely to be especially poignant given this will mark 100 years since the end of the war.

The total cost of the trip will be approximately £200 per pupil, which will include transport, half board accommodation and entrance fees. Lunch is **not** provided on both days. We recommend giving your child between £10 and £40 of spending money to accommodate lunch, and shopping time in the historic city of Ypres.

This trip will only have 80 spaces available across the year, and is likely to be very highly subscribed. Places will be given on a first come, first served basis in terms of returned deposits.

In order to ensure fairness on this occasion, **all deposits must be paid via Wisepay which will be opened for payments at 1.00pm on Friday 6th October**, any cheques received will be returned. Please check that you have access to Wisepay in advance of this date. Any students who miss the first 80 places can give their name to me, and I will place them on a waiting list.

If you would like your son to participate on this trip a **non-refundable deposit of £100.00** is required. Please complete the attached form, once payment has been made, and return to me by 3.30pm on Friday 17th November. Students who have not returned a completed form by that time may forfeit their place on the trip

If you have any concerns about your ability to pay for this trip, please contact Mrs Howley in the finance office before 6th October.

Your son's space will only be secured once payment, and the form, is received. If you have paid your deposit, but cannot be offered a place then your deposit will be returned in full.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Nagle
History teacher
Trip organiser

Please return this form to Mr Nagle by 3.30 pm on Friday 17th November, **once you have made your payment** via Wisepay. Please note that places will not be allocated until *both* payment *and* this form have been received.

Please complete all sections

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Student's name: Form:

- I agree to my son's participation in the visit to Ypres in July 2018.
- I attach a photocopy of my son's passport (please tick)
- I confirm that my son will carry a valid EHIC card (please tick)

Signed: (parent)

NAME (please print):

Dated: