

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Ypres Trip February 2026

The History Department proposes to take a 2 day trip to Ypres, Belgium, departing Friday 6th February, returning Saturday 7th February 2026. We will be going on a tour of the battlefields to see trenches and memorials, as well as to witness the Menin Gate ceremony. This will be an excellent opportunity to see firsthand the damage done by World War One, as well as the value of the sacrifices made by Soldiers during the conflict. The trip will give pupils an opportunity to truly connect to the themes of our year 8 curriculum.

The trip will cost £349 per pupil, and will include: ferry crossings, coaches, hotel stay, an expert local guide, lunch on Friday and Breakfast on Saturday. We will visit: Croonaert Wood, In Flanders Fields Museum, Langemark Cemetery, the Menin Gate & the Last Post Ceremony, Sanctuary Wood Hill 62 Museum, Tyne Cot British Cemetery and a visit to Hoge Crater Museum & Trenches.

The cost of the trip may change if unforeseen consequences occur with our booking and/or crossings. As it stands, the payment schedule is set out below and we will let you know if there are any changes.

Initial Deposit: £100.00 24/10/2025

Interim Payment: £150.00 12/12/2025

Final Payment: £99 09/01/2026

Please note, as there are **only 88 places available** and the trip is oversubscribed. We ask that you pay the **deposit as set out above on Wise-Pay by 24th October**. Failure to make this payment by this deadline will result in this place being forfeited to another student on the reserve list. Once all deposits are made, we will be holding a parents' assembly to discuss equipment, questions, and other pertinent details.

You will understand that staff remain *in loco parentis* throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to expectations, and those who have not demonstrated a sufficiently good record of behaviour may forfeit the opportunity to join the trip.

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school's enquiries email.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A L Nagle
History Teacher

