



Northgate High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you about an exciting opportunity for Year 9 students. On Thursday 20 and Friday 21 October 2022 we will be running a trip to Ypres in Belgium and the Somme in France to visit World War One Battlefields and War Cemeteries. Over the course of Years 8 and 9, students have studied key events of the twentieth century and World War One and Trench Warfare are an important part of this topic. The study of medicine in the trenches also forms a key part of the History GCSE, so this trip will therefore give students a chance to extend their learning and further appreciate the challenges faced by soldiers in WW1.

The trip is run by Anglia Tours Ltd who have a vast experience of taking school groups on a variety of educational trips. The cost of the trip will be a maximum of £250 and includes:

- Transport by coach and Euro tunnel
- One nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in the Peace Village hostel in Messines
- One evening meal and two packed lunches
- Tour booklet
- Admission to all sites

This will be a two day trip with students arriving at school for approximately 04.30am on Thursday 20 October and returning to school for approximately 12.30am on Saturday 22 October. On the first day students will visit a number of places in Ypres including Langemarck German Military Cemetery, Passchendaele Museum and the Tyne Cot War Cemetery. After an overnight stay at the Peace Village in Messines (tbc) we will go into France to visit sites on the Somme including the Thiepval Memorial. Students will be accompanied by staff from the school at all times and will be taken to each landmark by Anglia Tours tour guides who have an extensive knowledge of World War One. Students will receive a packed lunch and an evening meal on the Friday as well as breakfast and packed lunch on the Saturday, but will need to take money for an evening meal on the return journey.

Please note this may be different to previous trips as new travel regulations prevent the students from bringing any meat or dairy products (this includes milk chocolate) with them on the trip out, making packed lunches from home impractical. Students are still able to bring other snacks should they wish and will have the chance to visit a Belgian chocolate shop on the first day.

Students will need their own passport with 6 months left from the date of return and an up to date GHIC card (available free of charge from <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>). There are currently significant delays at the passport office so should your child need a passport I would advise you to apply as soon as possible.



KEY DATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DATE EVENT

05/06/22 Application form and non-refundable deposit of £50

18/07/22 Interim payment of £75

05/09/22 Balance due (£100)

In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, priority will be given to those students who have elected to take History as a GCSE option. In the event of the trip still being over capacity, all students who have applied to go on the trip by 05 June will have their names put in a hat and a draw will be made to select students. Those students who have not been successful will be placed on a waiting list and will be allocated spaces should they become available. Any unsuccessful students will also have their deposits returned. The school requests that a voluntary contribution is made but all pupils will be treated equally whether or not a contribution is made. Any requests for financial assistance must be made in writing when returning the application form. If a situation arises where a student needs to be withdrawn from the trip, refunds will be made in accordance with the tour operator's cancellation policy.

Once places have been confirmed, a Google Form will be issued to collect passport details.

If you would like your son / daughter to take part in the trip you can pay online via ParentPay and fill out the online consent form. Please complete the consent form by Sunday 5th June 2022.

Should you have any questions regarding the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hester

Head of History