

November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 History First World War Battlefields Fieldtrip to France and Belgium**

The History Department is planning a trip to the First World War Battlefields in France and Belgium for students who will have been studying '20<sup>th</sup> Century World'. The trip will leave North Campus early morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 until late on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The experience will give the students the chance to see the region where much of the fighting of the First World War took place. The students will have the opportunity to visit the town of Ypres and explore the preserved trench systems, battlefields, cemeteries and relevant exhibitions at Ypres and the Somme where some of the fiercest fighting of the First World War took place, as well as watch the Menin Gate ceremony in Ypres.

The total cost of the trip will be £280.00. This includes travel by executive coach and the return ferry crossing, 2 nights full board at a hotel near Ypres, all entrance fees to the museums and exhibitions we visit, a study pack and travel insurance.

The trip is limited to 40 students. Places must be reserved by paying a deposit of £50 through Parentpay, the school's online payment system. This can be accessed through the link on the school's website under Parents/Parentpay. If you have not already registered to make payments through this system, please contact the school on [finance@ewsacademy.org.uk](mailto:finance@ewsacademy.org.uk).

Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis through the online system. The school reserves the right to decline places to students with poor behaviour or attendance records. Bookings will open at 18:00 on Thursday 30 November and will close at 18:00 on Monday 4 December, unless all the places have already been taken.

Students will have to have their own passports and European Health Cards (previously E111) to travel, so arrangements at home should be made for this as soon as possible.

Students currently in receipt of free school meals are eligible for a subsidy towards the cost of this trip. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school to discuss this or should you have any queries about the trip. My email address is [heather.weller@ewsacademy.org.uk](mailto:heather.weller@ewsacademy.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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