



1st October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 residential visit to 'The Battlefields of the Western Front' - Monday 24th June to Wednesday 26th June 2019

As part of Chatsmore's commitment to remembering the legacy of the soldiers who fought in the First World War, and through our inclusion in the Centenary Battlefield Tour Programme, we are pleased to offer an exciting year 7 residential visit to The Battlefields of the Western Front.

Following on from our successful visits over the past two years, we have once again chosen to travel with **Equity School Travel**. Equity School Travel are market leaders in school travel and have been in operation for over 75 years. They are completely financially protected by ABTA and ATOL, meaning in the event of any unlikely unexpected occurrence your money is protected. They are also accredited by 'Learning Outside the Classroom' and the School Travel Forum; both organisations support excellence in the planning and delivery of highly successful educational trips. For further details please go to www.equityschooltravel.co.uk

The visit will take place from **Monday 24th June to Wednesday 26th June 2019**. We will be travelling by coach via Eurotunnel, crossing at Folkestone, and staying in Ypres at the Ypres Lodge. Students will be accompanied by 6 members of staff. **Places are limited to a maximum of 48 students. Should the visit be over-subscribed then all names will be drawn out of a hat.**

Our tour will develop curriculum knowledge of the First World War, putting many of the issues students will study in the classroom into an exciting and relevant context.

During our stay, we will be visiting;

- Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- Langemark German Cemetery
- Vimy Ridge and Tunnels
- Dud Corner Cemetery and the Loos Memorial
- Royal Irish Rifles Churchyard
- In Flanders Field Museum
- Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
- Visit to Richbourg

We will investigate how technology and tactics developed on the Western Front and how the First World War is remembered. We will also witness the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, as well as visiting other places of local, cultural and educational interest. Throughout the tour we will be accompanied by a guide from the Guild of Battlefields.



This is a fantastic opportunity for your son or daughter to engage with their peers in an unfamiliar setting, discover new places and ideas and most importantly further develop their own history skills.

The cost of this visit is £250. This price includes return travel by coach from school, accommodation, full board, entrance fees and insurance. The only additional cost will be spending money but we would recommend that this is no more than 30 euros. A packed lunch will be needed for the journey to France.

If you would like your child to take part in this opportunity, these are the options for payment;

1. Pay in full (£250) online using Wisepay before 18th October 2018
2. Pay £50 deposit online using Wisepay before 18th October 2018.

If you choose to pay by instalments, the balance of £200.00 must be paid by 1st March 2019. You can pay larger amounts at any time. You can pay smaller amounts at any time. You can make as many payments as you like, anytime you like. You can make payments during school holidays using Wisepay.

However, the MINIMUM instalment programme is as follows:

£80.00 payable by 1st December 2018

£60.00 payable by 1st February 2019

£60.00 payable by 1st March 2019

Please note we are unable to accept any cash or cheques

As this is a residential visit you must also complete and return the attached application and parent consent form.

We will process applications after the 18th October deadline and you will be advised in writing whether your child has been successful in securing a place. If unsuccessful your deposit payment will be refunded. After this date, please note that there is no guarantee of a refund of any monies paid in the event of cancellation by the parent, for whatever reason.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a student from the visit if there are behaviour concerns and in these circumstances an admin fee of £25.00 will be made.

If any student wishes to take part, but current circumstances make it difficult to meet the charge, please email Mrs Gladman, in confidence to discuss whether it is possible to reach some mutual arrangement tgladman@chathigh.co.uk.

We will be holding a parents' evening in Spring 2019 where we will provide further information and be on hand to answer your questions.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at agreenhalgh@chathigh.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

A Greenhalgh

Mr A Greenhalgh

Subject Leader for Humanities



Deadline for applications is Thursday, 18th October 2018

APPLICATION AND PARENT CONSENT FORM

CHATSMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Year 7 visit to The Battlefields of the Western Front
Monday 24th June to Wednesday 26th June 2019

Name:	Tutor Group:
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I wish my son/daughter to be allowed to take part in the above-mentioned school journey and, having read the details of the visit agree to his/her taking part in any or all of the activities described.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

I understand that, while the staff and helpers in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the young people, unless they are negligent they cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son, daughter arising during or out of the journey.

(Note: School Journey Insurance is automatically arranged with Chartis Insurance, through West Sussex County Council, for participating establishments)

Please advise Chatsmore Catholic High School of any changes to the medical information already provided.

I consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the visit.

I commit to payment in full of £250 by 1st March 2019. I agree to keep up to date with instalments if I choose this method of payment. If offered a place, and I withdraw my child, I understand that there is no guarantee of refund of any monies paid in the event of cancellation, for whatever reason.

Photographs during the visit may be taken that include your son/daughter. If you do not wish such pictures to be used for normal publicity purposes including publication on the school's website please tick box

Please delete as applicable (please note no cash or cheques)

£250 full payment Paid online using Wisepay

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Signed Date
(Parent/Carer)

