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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to let you know that as part of the Year 9 History curriculum we will be offering students the opportunity to go on a three-day **World War I Battlefields Trip to Belgium from Friday 6<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

The trip will include visits to Ypres and Passchendaele, to allow the students to explore what life was like in the trenches and the destructive power, waste and futility of war. Activities will include:

- Visits to the Passchendaele Museum and the Hooge Crater Museum, including a 1-hour guided tour of the trenches
- Visit to the Menin Gate to attend the Last Post Ceremony
- Visits to various war memorials commemorating both British and German soldiers
- Tour of the underground tunnels of Vimy Ridge
- Chance to purchase souvenirs

We will be travelling by coach (via Eurotunnel) and the students will be staying at the Ypres Lodge, which is located only a mile from the Menin Gate. Students will be sharing rooms with ensuite facilities.

We have a total of **60 places** available for this trip and students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

The **total cost for the trip is £190.** This includes the cost of travel, accommodation (two nights), all meals, and the activities outlined above. Students can additionally bring a small sum of pocket money in case they would like to purchase souvenirs.

To secure place on the trip, students will need written confirmation from their parents (complete and return the slip below) and to pay a £50 deposit through the School Gateway. We will be accepting confirmations and deposits from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and the deadline for the deposit is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this trip.

Kind regards,

Mr. Henry Dalton  
History Teacher

Pupil's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to go on the Battlefields trip to Belgium

I have paid the £50 deposit to secure my child's place on the trip through the SMM School Gateway

Parent/Carer signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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