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Dear Parents/Carer

We are delighted to announce that we are planning a 4-day Battlefields Trip to Belgium and France in September 2027. This is a fantastic opportunity for students with an interest in History to visit some of the most important sites of the First World War and gain a deeper understanding of the events they study in school. Please note that studying History is not a prerequisite for attending. The trip is open to any student who would like to take part.

Some of the activities planned for the trip will give students the chance to explore a range of significant battlefield sites, memorials and museums. We will be visiting Vimy Ridge, Newfoundland Park and Croonaert Wood, where students can learn about the experiences of soldiers on the Western Front. The itinerary also includes visits to the Lochnagar Crater and the Thiepval Memorial and Visitor Centre, helping students to appreciate both the scale of the conflict and its lasting impact.

Students will also visit a number of important cemeteries and memorials, including Tyne Cot British Cemetery and Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. One of the highlights of the trip will be attending the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, a moving tribute that has taken place almost every evening for nearly a century. We will also visit the Memorial Museum Passchendaele and Talbot House, where students can discover more about both life in the trenches and the experiences of soldiers away from the front line.

Alongside the historical visits, students will have the opportunity to experience some local culture. This includes a visit to a traditional French boulangerie and time to explore some of the towns and villages of the Flanders region. Throughout the trip, we will be accompanied by a subject expert who will help bring the sites to life and provide valuable insight into the stories behind them.

We will be staying in a peaceful rural area close to Ypres, providing an excellent base for exploring the battlefields, memorials and museums included in our itinerary.

Alongside the organised activities, students will have some free time to explore and reflect on what they have seen during the trip, as well as enjoy the local surroundings with their friends.

The anticipated dates of the trip are 10 September 2027 to 13 September 2027, comprising 4 days and 3 nights.

The cost of the trip is £600.00 per student. This includes full-board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and dinner), entry to all sites of interest, travel, insurance and a specialist tour guide.

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If you wish your child to be considered for a place on the trip, please return the reply slip below to the Admin Office by Tuesday 10th November 2026. Places are available to students in Years 8 and 9 and if the trip is over-subscribed, priority will be given to older students.

If your child is successful in gaining a place, you will be notified by email and will need to pay a deposit of £100.00 by Monday 16th November 2026 to secure your place.

Subsequent payment deadlines are as follows:

Payment Date	Amount	Amount Remaining
16/11/2026	£100.00 - Deposit	£500.00
11/01/2027	£71.50 - 1st Instalment	£428.50
01/02/2027	£71.50 – 2nd Instalment	£357.00
01/03/2027	£71.50 – 3rd Instalment	£285.50
01/04/2027	£71.50 – 4th Instalment	£214.00
04/05/2027	£71.50 – 5th Instalment	£142.50
01/06/2027	£71.50 – 6th Instalment	£71.00
01/07/2027	£71.00 – Final Instalment	£0.00

Please note that submitting an application for this trip does not guarantee that a place will be offered. Students are expected to demonstrate consistently good behaviour, a positive attitude to learning and good attendance at the time places are allocated. Where a student's current conduct, attitude or attendance does not meet the school's expectations, they may not be offered a place on the trip. This decision will be made at the school's discretion and in the best interests of the safety, wellbeing and educational experience of all participants.

Reservation of a place on this trip is dependent upon the continued good behaviour, attitude and attendance of your child. Due to the nature of the trip and safety regulations, only students who can be trusted to behave impeccably and maintain a good record of attendance will be allowed to go. The visit includes a number of memorials, cemeteries and sites of remembrance. Students will therefore be expected to demonstrate maturity, respect and appropriate conduct throughout the trip. Students whose behaviour, attitude or attendance causes concern, either before or during the visit, may have their place withdrawn at the school's discretion.

If the trip is oversubscribed, priority will be given to students in the older year group. If the number of applications from that year group exceeds the number of available places, all applicants from that year group will be entered into a random electronic ballot, and places will be allocated accordingly. Any remaining places will then be allocated to students in the younger year group using the same random process. Students who are unsuccessful in securing a place will be added to a reserve list, with the order determined through the same fair and transparent process.

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If your child is successful in gaining a place, but then has to withdraw, any monies paid can only be returned if their place has been filled by another student.

Students will be travelling using their own passports, please ensure they have at least 3 months on them from the time of travel. Students will also require a Global Health Insurance Card (or EHIC if they already have one which is still valid); these are obtainable free from https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/

Should you require any further information please contact Mrs Clarkson or Mr Holmes on the above number.

Kind regards

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Mr Holmes
Trip Leader

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REPLY SLIP – Battlefields 2027

Please return to Mrs Clarkson – Admin Office by Tuesday 10th November 2026

Name of Child: ..... Tutor Group: .....

- I would like my child to be considered for the Battlefields trip in 2027
- If my child is offered a place, I agree to pay the initial non-refundable deposit of £100.00 (using the on-line payment system) by Monday 16th November 2026 to secure my booking.
- I understand that if I choose to withdraw my child from the trip, any payments will only be returned if the place is filled by another student.
- I understand that attendance on this trip is based on each student's conduct, attitude and attendance record in school, and that concerns regarding any of these may lead to a student being withdrawn from the trip.

Signed: ..... Date: .....
(Person with legal parental responsibility for the child)

Print Name: .....