



Rembrandt Way,
Colchester.
CO3 4QS

To Parents/Carers of Students

30th November 2018
Ref: BLE/chs/Belgium 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

WORLD WAR ONE BATTLEFIELDS HISTORY TRIP TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS, 26th -29th NOVEMBER, 2019

The History Department has organised a 4-day trip to the Battlefields areas of World War One, to complement the work that will be done by Year 9 students in History.

The trip allows students to build upon the work they are doing at the time in Year 9 within the History curriculum. World War One has become a byword for how awful, stupid and useless war can be. For those who served in the trenches, the war experience encompassed not only horror, frustration and sorrow, but also pride, camaraderie and even enjoyment, as well as boredom and apathy. For most, it was capable of being all these things, often at the same time.



For many students who take part in this trip, the experience allows them to establish a wide range of meanings out of these events. We ensure that there is a full range of activities in addition to the field work, so that all students return home happy and with great memories. We shall be visiting the Ypres Salient in Belgium and the Somme area in northern France. Our Trip will include:

Essex Farm British Cemetery & Dressing Station	Last Post Ceremony & The Menin Gate
Langemark German Cemetery	Passchendaele Memorial Museum
Lissenthoek Military cemetery	Tyne Cot British Cemetery
Bayernwald German Trenches	Hellfire Corner
Vimy Memorial and Canadian trenches	Thiepval Memorial
La Boisselle, Lochnagar Crater	Hill 60 & Pool of Peace
Ulster Tower	Hill 62 & Sanctuary Woods
Wellington Quarry Tunnels, Arras	

Students will also have the opportunity to build upon their experiences, to have time to reflect on what they have seen, and create and lay their own tributes at cemeteries and memorials.

Travel will be by coach and ferry, organised by Galloway Travel Limited, specialists in this field. Accommodation will be in Kemmel near Ypres in Belgium. **ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED THEIR OWN VALID PASSPORT.**

The dates of this trip are 26-29 November 2019, inclusive. The cost of the trip is £284 and this price includes travel, full-board accommodation, insurance and all activity entrance fees.

The maximum number of places available on this trip is limited by the size of our accommodation, and the numbers of students and coaches that we can take to the various educational and historical sites that we visit. I am pleased that we have worked very hard to increase our capacity substantially over recent years, to be able to take as many students as we can. However, we anticipate a high demand for places on this trip, in line with previous years.

No student will be excluded from the trip on the grounds of cost alone and parents who would like their child to take part but who are experiencing financial difficulties at the present time should contact the accounts office. However, acceptance of payment does not guarantee a place on the visit and we reserve the right to refuse a particular student a place on the grounds of their current poor behaviour or attitude. Students who are withdrawn from the trip as a result of poor behaviour may not be able to have their payment refunded.

If you would like your child to go on the trip, please complete the reply slip attached and return to the Accounts Office by Thursday 6th December 2018. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will then confirm you have been allocated a place and request payment. **Please do not send money in until your place on the trip is confirmed.**

Payment Schedule:

Deposit	£ 60	Friday 14 th December 2018
2 nd payment	£ 40	February
3 rd payment	£ 40	March
4 th payment	£ 64	April
5 th payment	£ 40	May
Final payment	£ 40	Monday 17 th June 2019
Total	£284	

For the purpose of administering any necessary paperwork with the Immigration authorities please can you indicate your child's nationality according to the passport they will have at the time of this trip. A European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is also required.

If you would like more details or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



Bill Lawrance
Trip Leader
Subject Leader in History

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Student: _____ **Tutor group:** _____

I would like to apply for a place for my child on the above trip.

I understand that the completion of this form does NOT guarantee my child a place.

If my child is successful I agree to pay £60.00 by Friday 14th December 2018.

If my child is successful I agree to pay £284.00 by Monday 17th June 2019.

I confirm that I will make suitable transport arrangements for my child to and from **The Philip Morant School** at the start and end of the trip.

My child is entitled* / is not entitled* to free school meals. *Please delete as applicable.

I understand that any deposits/monies paid are NOT refundable unless:

- I cancel the place BEFORE any expenses are incurred by The Philip Morant School
- The trip is cancelled by The Philip Morant School
- I produce a valid Medical Certificate for my child's illness/injury which states it is inadvisable to him/her to travel/participate in the activity.

I confirm that my child's nationality and passport is _____
(e.g. British/UK)

I confirm that my child will be travelling on a current passport for this trip

I confirm that my child will have a European Health Insurance Card

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent / Carer)