



February 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians

As part of their History course in Year 9 students study events in the 20th Century and there is a particular focus on the experiences of soldiers in World War 1. World War 1 Poetry is also studied in English lessons. In order to encourage learning in this area, the History Department has organised a trip to Ypres in Belgium on **Friday 20 September, 2019**.

The town of Ypres and the local area contain sites that give an insight to fighting in WW1. We will visit Tyne Cot Cemetery and a maintained network of trenches as part of our schedule. We will also visit Menin Gate which is an important memorial to soldiers who lost their lives. The trip will be organised by a company that specialises in tours to the WW1 battlefields and we will be accompanied by experienced guides at all times.

This visit is classified as a voluntary activity and under the regulations of the Education Reform Act 1988 I have to inform you that the school cannot charge for this trip. We would ask you to make a voluntary contribution of £91.50. I should make it clear there is no obligation to make this contribution and that students will not be excluded from the visit because parents are unable to contribute. However, as we are unable to fund the activity in any other way it will be cancelled unless we cover costs. If you do have financial difficulties then please put it in writing to Mrs Lambert in the Finance Office.

The cost of the trip includes coach travel, entrance to all sites and the ferry crossing. Payment should be made on ParentPay, and the attached slip should be placed in the black box next to the Finance Office by **Friday 8 March 2019**. Numbers are limited and therefore places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once a place on the trip is allocated all payments are non-refundable. Please note that any student who breaches school rules prior to departure is at risk of being denied the privilege of going on the trip.

Students will be required to **provide food and drink to last them the whole day (breakfast, lunch and dinner)**, and will not be required to wear school uniform but should bring a spare pair of shoes as the trenches may be muddy.

Students must have a **valid passport and EHIC** medical card, which can be obtained from your local post office or from the website www.ehic.ie. Obviously there is still some uncertainty about travel after Brexit. At present it is advised that all passport holders have at least 6 months remaining on their passport at the time of travel, and it may be that EHICs will not be valid in the event of a no-deal, however we do have health insurance as part of the tour package.

We will depart from school at approximately **5.15am** and return about **11.30pm**.

If your son/daughter has any medical/emergency contact details that may have changed, please notify the school as soon as possible. If you require any more information regarding this trip please contact me via email l.carthy@overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss Carthy
Trip Leader

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To: Miss Carthy, Trip Leader **Re: Ypres Trip 20.9.19**

I would like _____ (student's name) of _____ (Tutor Group) to go to **Ypres on Friday 20 September, 2019**.

- I have paid £91.50 online using my Parent Pay account and will return the permission slip to the black box
- I am eligible for Pupil Premium

My ParentPay ordered reference is: _____

My son / daughter's passport number is _____ and the expiry date is _____.

Please state nationality: British Other (Please state)

Working in partnership with
Signed _____
Parent/Guardian
University of Brighton



Please print name _____



To be returned to the black box by Friday 8 March 2019



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