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Dear parent/carer,

Year 9 History Trip to First World War Battlefields, Belgium, 1st–2nd May 2020

Studying the First World War, why it began, who fought in it, and what the fighting was like, forms an important part of the Year 9 History curriculum. To complement the curriculum and enhance her understanding of this period of history, we would like to offer your daughter the chance to visit some of the historic sites associated with the war, in and around Ypres and the Somme.

We plan to visit a hospital site and cemetery at Lijssenthoek, where students will explore the medical treatment of wounded soldiers and the role of medical staff; Tyne Cot cemetery and memorial to the missing, the largest British and Commonwealth military cemetery; Langemark German cemetery; and the Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park, where we will walk across the battlefield of the Battle of the Somme. We will also attend the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres.

This year's trip proved both educational and emotional, and is highly recommended by those who attended. Your daughter need not be considering History GCSE to benefit from the trip; however, the GCSE course does include a depth study of medical treatment during the First World War. If your daughter is intending to take GCSE History, this trip will provide very useful opportunities to experience the reality of conditions on the Western Front and to explore the war's impact on medicine.

The trip will take place from Friday 1st to Saturday 2nd May 2020. The estimated cost is £140 which includes a voluntary contribution for travel and tuition and a charge for board and lodgings. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not forthcoming, the trip will not go ahead.

If you would like your daughter to attend, please return a **deposit of £50 by Monday 23rd September**. Payment can be made through the Wisepay payment portal, or by cheque or cash together with the reply slip below. **Please return a copy of the photo page of your daughter's passport and her EHIC card, to Mrs Eyre, in an envelope labelled with your daughter's name, form and "Y9 Battlefields Trip 2020", together with a reply slip and cheque or cash payment if not paid via Wisepay.** If you have difficulty paying the full £50 deposit, or can foresee circumstances which may affect your ability to pay the balance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by lottery after the closing date. Students who do not gain a place initially will be placed on a waiting list and their deposits refunded.

Further details and a request for the balance will follow in due course. Full payment must be made before departure.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Carr
Head of History



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To: Mrs Eyre

I would like my daughter _____, form _____,
to participate in the Battlefields trip on 1st–2nd May 2020.

I enclose a deposit of £50 paid online/by cheque/in cash.*

I enclose a copy of my daughter's passport and EHIC card.

Permission to share personal information

I give permission for personal information about _____
[daughter's full name] to be shared with the travel company and airline.

Signed: _____ Date _____
Parent/carer

Signed: _____ Date _____
Student

*delete as applicable