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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Y10 WW1 BATTLEFIELDS RESIDENTIAL VISIT

7 -11 July 2025

I am pleased to be able to offer our Y10 GCSE History students a residential visit to the World War I Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme. The tour will be leaving college on Monday 7 July. Exact timings will be confirmed at a later date.

The cost of the tour is **£530** which includes accommodation (full board), transport via coach and Eurotunnel, travel insurance and entrance to all historic sites and museums. This represents extremely good value for money. Every attempt is made to cost the visit as precisely as possible, however, if at the end of the trip there is any unspent funds that equate to £15 or less per student, the surplus funds will be donated to The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Talbot House. However, if you would like the money refunded back to your ParentPay account, please make a note on the reply form.

We will be staying at Hotel Oude Abdij which is a favourite of Faringdon Community College. Typically, the students will room in groups of 2 - 6. All rooms have ensuite facilities.

The tour represents an excellent opportunity for students to enrich their learning experience at GCSE as World War I on the Western Front will be examined at the end of the course. Students on the visit will be required to do some research before we depart. This needs to take the form of an investigation into a family member/family friend who took part in World War I. It would be particularly helpful if the students could begin piecing together any evidence they come across so that by the end of the visit they are able to understand in a very real way the terrible sacrifice and suffering of trench warfare. It might be the case that students will be able to locate and visit an ancestor's grave in one of the cemeteries we will be visiting.

**It is unfortunate that we can only take 60 students. Therefore, places are allocated randomly. If your child is not allocated a place on the visit, they will be placed on a reserve list.**

Once your child has been allocated a place on the visit, they will be given a letter confirming this with further details regarding payments. If your child wishes to withdraw from the trip at any time, the outstanding payments must be met unless we are able to allocate the space to another student.

Please note that all students taking part in this visit must have their own passport. In addition, each child must have either a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), or a valid health insurance if they are not a permanent resident of the EU. Any travel visas, where necessary, must be organised by the parents.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW AS PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO DO THIS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH PARENTPAY AND YOUR DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.**



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**Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents in support of activities for which the school has to pay. However, there is no legal obligation on parents to contribute and children will be treated the same whether or not parents are able, or choose not to contribute. However, if not enough contributions are made, the activity may have to be cancelled.**

**Financial assistance is available if you are in financial hardship and by special arrangement with the school.**

If you would like your child to take part in this experience, please express interest by completing the online form before 9am on Monday 4 November <https://forms.office.com/e/MMVDSAi50R>

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Hill  
Visit Leader



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