



8 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

The History Department is pleased to be able to offer Year 10 History GCSE students a trip to the Battlefields of World War 1 in Ypres and the Somme from 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to visit important sites connected to World War 1 and to develop their understanding of the 'Medicine in the historic environment' aspect of Paper 1 for their History GCSE.

The trip is being organised through NST and involves a full three day itinerary led by an experienced guide. Highlights include a trip to the Menin Gate and the Last Post Ceremony in Ypres and a visit to Thiepval Memorial on the Somme. There will also be plenty of opportunities for students to experience different aspects of medicine on the Western Front, including the underground tunnels of Arras at Wellington Quarry. Students will stay in 'Ypres Lodge', a purpose built modern accommodation in Ypres, and the journey will be via executive coach and ferry (or tunnel depending on availability of crossings). A total of 2 nights will be spent in the Ypres.

There are 45 student places available on a first come first served basis. The deposit of £100 should be paid by 29<sup>th</sup> September on Parentpay, and all spaces will need to be filled in order for the trip to be viable.

The total cost of the trip is £435 and covers transport, accommodation, guided excursions on all three days, travel insurance and all meals whilst in France and Belgium. All payments for the trip should be made on Parentpay. Additional funds will be needed to cover spending money, food while travelling and any souvenirs your child may wish to purchase.

Please note the balance will be payable in instalments as detailed:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023- £100 non refundable deposit

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 – £85

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023– £85

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – £85

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 – £80

**Please note: students will need their own passport.**

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found and in this instance a refund will be issued minus any deposit paid.

It is important to emphasise that the deposit is non-refundable and should you decide to cancel this trip at any time, as with all holiday cancellations, you will be subject to incremental charges linked to the point at which you cancel – please understand that this is imposed by the external provider and NLS has no control over this.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance or any that has been published as coming with the visit covers such items.

If you have any questions, there will be advice and information meetings held at the school but you may also contact me at NLS: [gkeane@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:gkeane@northleamington.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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