



5 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Following a successful Battlefields trip with our current Year 10 GCSE Historians this term, the History Department is pleased to be able to offer Year 9 students, who are opting to take History at GCSE, an opportunity to visit the Battlefields of World War 1 in Ypres and the Somme from 3 -5 April 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to visit important sites connected to World War 1 in France and Belgium 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 will involve a full three day itinerary led by an experienced guide, with some of the highlights being 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 two nights will be spent in the Ypres Lodge.

There are 45 student places available on a first come first served basis. The deposit of £75 should be paid by 17 July 2024 on ParentPay, and all spaces will need to be filled in order for the trip to be viable. We appreciate this is a tight turnaround but enable us to secure the trip at a discounted price and allows a staggered payment schedule. If the trip becomes over-subscribed, a waiting list will be set up. Please also complete the required information, via Parent Pay, to provide student's consent and emergency details, passport and GHIC information.

The total cost of the trip is £450 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:

Wednesday 17/07/24 - £75 (non-refundable deposit)

Monday 02/09/24 – £75

Monday 07/10/24 – £75

Monday 04/11/24 – £75

Monday 02/12/24 - £75

Monday 06/01/25 - £75

Please note: students will need their own passport which should have an 'expiry date' at least three months after the 5th April 2025. Any student with a non UK passport it is the parent responsibility to check out visa requirements for France and Belgium.

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. 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.

If any cancellation is late, then there can be a substantial charge lost and any balance may need to be recovered through the insurance which is included in the trip cost.

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 you may also contact me at NLS: gkeane@northleamington.co.uk. There will be an information evening about the trip in the Spring term of 2025 to share with you travel details etc. It would be very useful if you could offer an email address so I can ensure contact with parents/carers runs as smoothly as possible.

Yours sincerely



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