

12 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 Visit to World War One Battlefields - Wednesday 3 July to Friday 5 July 2024

The History Department has organised a trip to visit the battlefields of Northern France and Belgium from Wednesday 3 July to Friday 5 July 2024, which is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the battlefields and memorials. There is no requirement to have chosen History for GCSE to attend, as it is more closely related to the Year 9 Curriculum, and we believe students will benefit from the experience.

We will visit the sites of some of the most important battles of World War One, such as Ypres and Beaumont Hamel, as well as the Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemetery, Wellington Quarry, Langemark German Cemetery and attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial. The In Flanders Field Museum shows a unique perspective of the war and The Passchendaele Museum offers students the chance to enter the well preserved trenches and underground bunkers.

The cost of the trip is £330, which will cover full board accommodation, travel and all entrance fees to museums. Please be aware that there are only 90 places available on this trip and places will be allocated at the discretion of the school. We regret that, should a place not be offered to your child, no discussion will be entered into as to why that decision has been made. Should more students wish to go than available places, then a reserve list will be set up. If your child does not secure a place on the trip, your deposit will be refunded.

Amount	Payment Due Date
£110 (Deposit)	Friday 14 July 2023
£110	Friday 29 September 2023
£110	Friday 1 March 2024
£330	Total cost of Trip

The payment schedule is as follows:

Insurance cover for Covid related issues, through European Study Tours, is also included in the price of the trip. Full details of the guarantee are available on request.

Please note, as per entry requirements in France/Belgium, if you are travelling on a UK passport then your passport must be valid for at least three months after 5 July 2024. Students will also need EITAS travel authorisation to enter the EU from 2024, which parents/carers will need to organise prior to travel. Further information in this regard can be found online <u>here</u>.





If you would like to apply for a place on this trip for your child, please make the **non-refundable** deposit payment of **£110** via **WisePay** (under Trips & Visits) and complete <u>this Medical Form</u> by **Friday 14 July.** If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, please contact the finance office in confidence (finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

By paying, you are consenting to your child taking part in the above school trip. May we take this opportunity to reiterate that this payment fully commits your child to the trip and no refunds will be given if your child pulls out, except as a direct and necessary result of any cause outside of the student's control (for example serious illness/injury). Not taking History for GCSE is not a valid reason for a refund. If your child subsequently decides not to take part in the visit, you will lose all monies paid to date unless a replacement student can be found to fill the place. If a replacement can be found, then any costs incurred for altering the passenger details, will be deducted from the refund given. We reserve the right to remove any student from the trip if the above payment schedule is not met.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration and we hope this will be a successful and enjoyable trip. Therefore, in the lead-up to the trip, all allocated places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's <u>Behaviour policy</u> during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations, then you will be asked to make arrangements for your child to return from France/Belgium at your own expense.

Yours sincerely

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