

18 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 9 Visit to World War One Battlefields: Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 July 2026**

The History Department has organised a trip to visit the battlefields of Northern France and Belgium from Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 July 2026, 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 **£382**, which will cover full board accommodation, travel and all entrance fees to museums. Students will also need spending money, some of which will be needed to purchase food whilst travelling.. Please be aware that there are only **90 places** available on this trip. Places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis but 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.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, then please complete this [Expression of Interest form](#) by no later than **Wednesday 24 September 2025**. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please email [Trips@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Trips@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

If your child is offered a place on the trip, a deposit of **£150** will be due by **Wednesday 1 October 2025**, followed by two further instalments as follows:

Monday 1 December 2025	£116.00
Monday 2 February 2026	£116.00

Failure to meet these deadlines will result in the place being withdrawn and offered to the next student on the waiting list.

**Please note that the initial deposit fully commits your child to the trip and no refunds will be given. If your child subsequently decides not to take part in the visit (except as a direct and necessary result of any cause outside of the student's control, for example, if required to self-isolate in line with government guidance or serious illness/injury), 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.**

If you have any questions about this trip, please email [s.harris@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.harris@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



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