10 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 Visit to World War One Battlefields - Wednesday 30 June to Friday 2 July 2027
Expression of Interest

The History Department has organised a trip to visit the battlefields of Northern France and Belgium from Wednesday 30 June to Friday 2 July 2027, 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 **£372,** 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 will not be 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, please complete the Expression of Interest Form **by no later than Friday 20 November 2026**.

If your child is offered a place on the trip, a deposit of **£120** will be due **by Tuesday 1 December 2026**, followed by two further instalments. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in the place being withdrawn and offered to the next student on the waiting list.

Instalment	**Due Date**	**Amount Due**
Deposit Payment	Tuesday 1 December 2026	£120
First Instalment	Friday 29 January 2027	£126
Final Instalment	Friday 29 February 2027	£126
Total		**£372**

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 d.hancox@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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