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Dear Parents/Carers

WW1 Battlefields Trip 2026

We are pleased to announce that we will be running a WW1 Battlefields trip focusing on trench warfare and battlefield medicine to Ypres, Belgium and the Somme, France. The trip will be running from Saturday 18th July 2026 and returning on Monday 20th July 2026 and is open to current Year 10 GCSE History students. For those who attend the trip, it will help with contextual understanding of the Historic Site element of the Medicine through Time Unit of the Edexcel GCSE.

The total cost of the trip will be **£485.00** and will include the following:

- All travel to and from the accommodation leaving from school
- 2 nights, full board accommodation in Ypres, Belgium
- Travel Insurance with Endsleigh Insurance
- Entry to a variety of sites, workshops and museums as listed under excursions
- Administration costs
- Details of intended excursions can be found overleaf

Additional considerations to budget for would include a meal on days of travel and spending money (we are planning to attend an amazing Belgian chocolate shop! As well as any other souvenirs students may desire). Please note that some students may be able to access financial support for this trip, but this would be dealt with on a case by case basis.

If you wish your young person to participate in this trip, please register your interest by completing the Microsoft form: <https://forms.office.com/e/n8m78VxNrv> by **9.45am on Friday 31st October**. Please be aware that places will not be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, but we will select 40 students randomly after the deadline. If your young person does not get a place, a reserve list will be created and any places that become available will be allocated following the randomly generated list.

If your young person is offered a place, we will contact you and a **£100** (non-returnable) holding deposit will be required by **9am Wednesday 12th November 2025**. On receipt of this, your young person's place will be secured, and you will be able to complete payment of the remaining balance in instalments or a one-off payment.

We would like to make it clear at this stage that attendance and behaviour will continue to be monitored and we reserve the right to remove a student from the trip at any point.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Heaver

Deputy Head of Faculty: Humanities

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INTENDED EXCURSIONS (pending booking)

- Flanders Fields Museum with Audio Guide and Workshop
- Essex Farm Cemetery
- Langemark German Military Cemetery
- Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Passchendaele Memorial Museum
- Sanctuary Wood Museum
- Leonidas Chocolaterie
- Lochnagar Crater
- Ovillers La Boiselle
- Ulster Tower Memorial
- Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park
- Thiepval Memorial
- Vimy Ridge Memorial