



Church of England School
Headteacher: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

28th January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 History Trip – WW1 Battlefields 2016

The History Department are very pleased to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in a 3 day trip to the WW1 Battlefields of Ypres and The Somme, Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th June 2016. This is to coincide with the school's remembrance of the centenary of the war. It would be particularly well suited to students with an interest in History and considering it at GCSE.

The areas that we will visit are steeped in history which is particularly poignant at this time. Visits will include:

- The Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British and Commonwealth War cemetery in the world
- The Langemark German cemetery, which will allow students to compare how soldiers from different countries are remembered
- The Interactive Centre in the Flanders Field Museum in the centre of Ypres to discover the part Pals battalions had to play at the Somme.

Evening activities will also be arranged, including the chance to witness the Last Post at the Menin Gate, a very touching and thought provoking ceremony.

The cost of the trip will be **approximately £280**, the final price and the viability of the trip going ahead is dependent on minimum numbers being reached. The price includes coach hire, travel by Eurotunnel, all internal travel, accommodation, all entrance fees and tours as well as all meals.

To secure a place on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of **£100** should be paid via ParentPay by **12th February 2016**. Please select 'Battlefields 2015-2016'. If you have any queries relating to your ParentPay account, please contact Mrs Rutley on 01895 671050 or via email, parentpay@bishoramseyschool.org. The final balance of **£180** will be due by **24th March 2016**.

It is anticipated that there will be a high level of interest in this trip but places are limited, therefore places will be allocated on a strict first-come, first-served basis as payments are received. Should the maximum number be reached before the deadline, the item will be closed on ParentPay.



Please note that upon making your payment you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions associated with this trip:

Your permission is granted for your son/daughter:

- To attend the trip
- To be given a mild painkiller (eg. Paracetamol) if considered necessary by the Party Leader
- To receive medical treatment in an emergency situation if as parent/carer you can not be contacted

You confirm:

- That your son/daughter's medical details are correct on the Parent Portal and will inform us of any changes to these details between now and the trip
- That you will inform us of any conditions (medical, dietary or otherwise) that you feel we should be aware of
- That you understand that if your son/daughter's behaviour in school is not acceptable then he/she may be withdrawn from the trip and any monies paid to date will not be refunded
- That you will submit a copy of your son/daughter's passport and EHIC card by Friday 12th February. These should be handed in person to Miss Hill or via email at vhill15.312@lgflmail.org

Students should take with them any required medication (eg. asthma inhalers, epipens). Mobile phone and any other items of value can be taken but students do so at their own risk.

Naturally we expect a high standard of behaviour from all students on school trips. The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email, vhill15.312@lgflmail.org

Yours faithfully



Miss V Hill
History