

Battlefields Trip

Thursday 23rd-Saturday 25th
June 2016



Timings

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 23 rd June	05.15	Highgrove
Saturday 25 th June	17.00	Highgrove

Students MUST have:

Passport, EHIC, money & any medications

Please be aware that Highgrove car park will not be open and the coach will be parked in the bus stop.

Accommodation

Ypres Lodge

Albert Dehemlaan 19

8900 Leper (Ypres)

Belgium

Telephone - 003257217000



Thursday 23rd June 2016



Morning

- ❖ Meet at Highgrove car park at 5.15am.
- ❖ Leave for Folkestone for our Eurotunnel to Calais from where we will drive to Ypres. Expected time of arrival around lunch time (local time).
- ❖ During our trip we will be accompanied by a 'Guild of Battlefields' tour guide who will be a member of the Armed Forces.

Afternoon

- ❖ First visit to Flanders Field Museum after which we will visit Tyne Cot and the Langemark German cemeteries.
- ❖ We will then head to our accommodation Ypres Lodge to check-in and for dinner.

Evening

- ❖ Dinner at the accommodation.
- ❖ The evening activity is to visit the Menin Gate for the 'Last Post' where three of our students will be laying a wreath. Students will need 'smart clothes' for this event.

Friday 24th June 2016

Today we will head back into France to visit sites relating to the Somme.

Morning

- ❖ This morning we will visit to sites related to the Battle of the Somme -Ulster Tower & Lochnagar Crater.

Afternoon

- ❖ This afternoon we will visit Thiepval memorial an impressive monument to those who died in the Battle of the Somme and then London Cemetery.
- ❖ We will then head back to Ypres.

Evening

- ❖ Dinner at the accommodation followed by bowling.



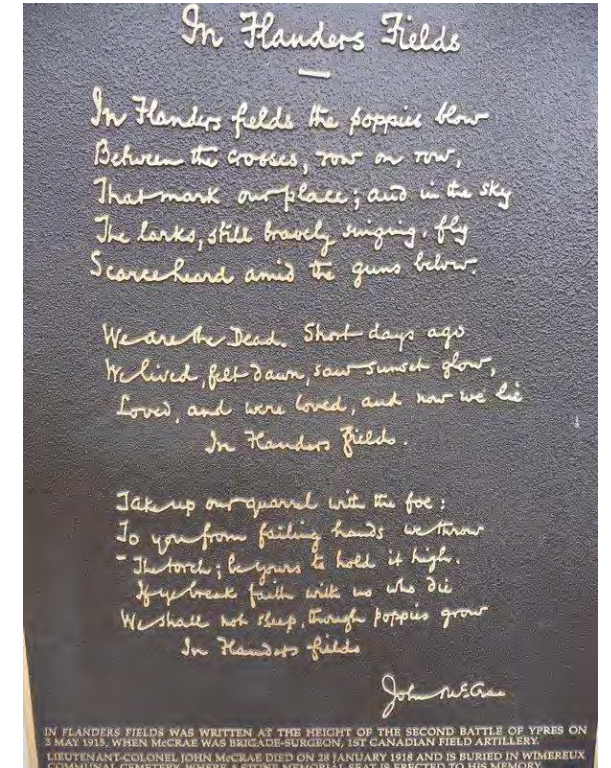
Saturday 25th June 2016

Morning

- ❖ Check out from the accommodation.
- ❖ This will be followed by a visit to Essex Farm Cemetery which was where John McCrae wrote his famous poem 'In Flanders Field'.
- ❖ Students will also visit Poperinge Death Cells where deserters were executed.
- ❖ Our final visit will be to Lijssenthoek Cemetery.
- ❖ By mid-morning we will have finished our visits and will start the journey home.

Afternoon

- ❖ Continue our journey home.
- ❖ Students will be expected back at school at 17.00.



What you need to bring:



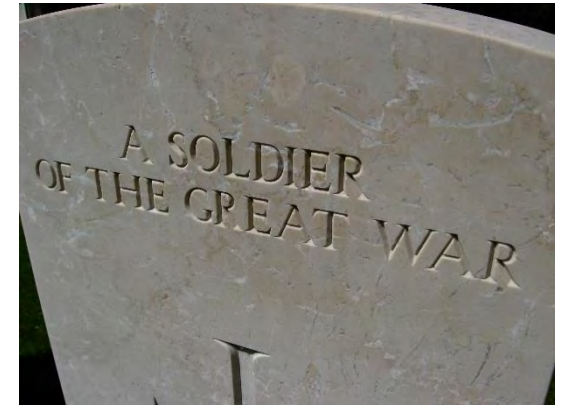
Your child must bring their **passport**, **EHIC card** as well as any **medicines** that they require including inhalers and eipens.

Your son/daughter should also bring:

- ✓ Suitable clothing for the trip for both warm and wet weather to include:
 - Waterproof jacket
 - Footwear suitable for the trenches including a change of footwear (including some plastic bags for any muddy footwear)
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ A rucksack or similar for use in the day
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Money for drinks, snacks and souvenirs (50-100 euros)
- ✓ Mobile phone (please ensure that your son/daughter's mobile phone can work in Europe)
- ✓ Camera and/or Ipod if required

Expectations

- This trip involves visiting sites commemorating the First World War as well as cemeteries for those who died in the conflict.
- It is important your son/daughter behaves in a manner befitting of this environment especially as family members of those who died in the war and other veterans are frequently visiting these places.
- This includes making sure that they are dressed appropriately, please ensure your son/daughter brings clothes suitable for this environment especially if the weather is warm.



Expectations



- On the evening when we visit the Menin Gate for the 'Last Post' students are expected to be dressed smartly.
- The itinerary is very full and every day will be very busy with early starts so it is important that both students and staff get enough sleep!
- Students will have a time when they need to be in their room.
- It is important for safety that staff know where students are at all times and so they need to follow our instructions.

Spending money



- All meals are included in the cost of the trip however students will need money for drinks as well as any snacks.
- There will also be the opportunity to shop and buy souvenirs.
- Students should bring at least 100 euros which should be more than enough.
- Your son/daughter will be expected to manage their own money when on the trip so it would be advisable to speak to them about not wasting money as obviously we don't want them running out of money towards the end of the trip.



Security

- Ypres is a relatively small town however as with any location students need to think about their personal safety at all times.
- This includes:
 - Ensuring their personal belongings are on them and not left lying around
 - Keeping their money & valuable items (i.e. phones) safe
 - Locking their rooms when they are in them (& not leaving the doors open)

Free time



- Where appropriate your child may be given 'free time' which is suitable given their age and our location.
- This is a privilege and any student who demonstrates that they cannot be trusted will not get this opportunity.
- If students are given free time then they should ensure that they do not go off alone and stay in small groups.



Electronic Devices

- These can be brought however your son/daughter is responsible for their safe keeping.
- It is suggested they bring their mobile phone and that it works in Europe.
- Please check your son/daughter knows how to turn their 'data roaming' off, they will be reminded to do this but it is ultimately their responsibility.
- If they don't do this or turn their data on when abroad you may end up with a rather large phone bill!

Staying in touch



The Twitter account will include updates on arrival/departure/delays as well as photos and what the students are doing.

This is also an easy way to contact staff if there are any issues we need to be aware of during the trip.

@BR_HistoryTrips



Your son/daughter will be given the school mobile which Miss Robinson will always have on her.

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You son/daughter will also be expected to give staff their mobile number so that we have this in case of emergency.