



January 2019

Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers

Year 10 Trip to the Somme 15th and 16th July 2019 [Activity Days]

We are organising a visit to the Ypres and WWI Battlefields, which will enable students to experience at first hand the poignancy of the battlefield sites in Belgium and to develop an understanding of the horrific scale of the war.

The trip is open to all Year 10 students and will be a moving and memorable experience that will reinforce their GCSE RS studies of peace and conflict. It will be of additional interest to History students – although a study of WWI is not integral to the History GCSE.

Proposed itinerary:

Monday 15th July 2019

Leave at approximately 5 am (timings to be confirmed nearer the date of departure), travel to Ypres visiting cemeteries and Sanctuary Wood Museum and trenches on the way. Then travel to our accommodation in Ypres for evening meal. Afterwards, we will walk to Menin Gate and take part in the last post ceremony that evening.

Tuesday 16th July 2019:

After breakfast at our hostel we will visit In Flanders Field Museum and other cemeteries while touring the Ypres battle field area. We may even have some time for chocolate shopping in Ypres itself! Packed lunch will be provided and students will be issued with vouchers or cash to purchase evening meal on the return ferry. Arrival back in Gloucester will be approximately 11.45 pm.

We also hope to visit any cemeteries in the area that might of personal significance to the students we are taking.

The cost of the visit will be £180 **maximum** and includes full board accommodation and entrance fees as well as full insurance. This **may** decrease depending on student numbers (we will let you know in due course). If your daughter would like to join us then please complete the attached form, return it to the Wellbeing Centre, and pay £100 by ParentPay by Monday 4th February 2019. Once the booking has been made with the hostel by 11th February 2019 this will become a non-refundable deposit.

For the trip to be financially viable we need 40 students to take part and we can take up to 65 students on this trip. If the trip is over-subscribed we will draw names from a hat on Tuesday 5th February 2019.

Yours sincerely

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Denmark Road High School
Proposed History Visit to the Somme – 15th and 16th July 2019

Student's name: _____ Form: _____

I have paid £100 deposit via ParentPay. Further payment of £80 will be due in May 2019.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

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