

November 2024

Dear Parents

The History Department is pleased to announce the GCSE Trip to Normandy in 2024 for Year 9 and Year 10 History students.

We will be visiting Ypres, the Somme and other key First World War battlefield sites and museums. The trip will run from 9th – 11th July, 2025. Students will be staying in a hotel based around Ypres. The trip will be beneficial for students studying GCSE History as they will be able to examine the significance of the First World War and developments in battlefield medicine. The trip will also allow students to put one of the twentieth century's most important events into historical context as well as give them a chance to take part in a poignant moment of reflection at the Menin Gate.

The estimated cost of the trip will be **£410.00** for the three days and will include full board accommodation and excursions. We will be travelling by Executive Coach and tunnel with Anglia Tours as our travel organiser, a company we have used successfully before. The cost may change slightly owing to exchange rates, however in the past this has been small.

If you wish your son/daughter to go on this meaningful and thought-provoking trip to the First World War sites, please complete the consent form and make a deposit payment of £50.00 on ParentMail by **3.00pm, Monday 9th December, 2024**.

If demand for the trip exceeds capacity, student's names will be drawn out of a hat. Should your child be unsuccessful they will be placed on a waiting list, and the deposit will be returned to you.

Once students have been notified that they have been successful in gaining a place on the trip, the full amount of the trip must be paid by Friday 2nd May 2025. Payments can be made online ParentMail.

Students will need to travel on their own passport and to also hold a Global Health Insurance Card. Passports and GHICs will need to be given to the Finance Office by Monday 15th January for the passport information to be sent to the travel agent. The school will then collect the passports in again on Friday 2nd May where they will be stored in the safe. Passports will then be returned to students on the return journey. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time with details of the information evening. Please check the validity of your child's passport on the government website.

I would like to stress that we reserve the right not to take your son/daughter on the trip if behaviour in college, or on a previous trip, has been/is not satisfactory. Please note that once the trip has been confirmed, if a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the trip, the parent/guardian will be liable for any charges, including the full balance that the college incurs.

Yours sincerely,

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