



24 September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Ref: World War I Battlefields visit to Belgium and France.**

The Humanities Department is organising an educational visit to the World War I battlefields of Belgium and France from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019. This trip is aimed at GCSE History and will help to bring alive a range of areas covered in our course of study. The educational value of this trip is immeasurable as it takes in museums, cemeteries, battle-sites, trenches, poetry and many other activities.

The cost of the trip is £290.00 which covers transport (coach and channel crossing), accommodation (full-board), entry to museums. The visit will be based at the Ypres Lodge which specialises in school visits, and is located in the Belgian town of Ypres.

If you wish to secure a place on this popular trip for your child then your child needs to **write 200 words** stating why they would like to visit the Belgium Battlefields. This statement will need to be handed to the humanities department by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018** along with the parental consent form. If your child is successful, they will be contacted by a member of the humanities department and asked to complete all documentation and pay the initial deposit of £50 to secure the place.

**Whilst we understand non curricular visits aim to enrich student's educational experience they are not essential to the curriculum. As more than 50% of the trip takes place in school term time the cost of the trip is split as follows:**

- A full charge for the cost of your child's accommodation and food during their time away.
- A voluntary contribution payment for the cost of transport and activities that your child will participate in during the residential visit.

**However, parents should understand that if they wish their child to participate and insufficient voluntary contribution payments are received for the transport and activities element of the residential visit, then the residential visit will be cancelled as the school cannot afford to cover the costs of these element.**

Accommodation and Food charge	£174.00
Transport and Activities voluntary contribution	£116.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£290.00</b>

The payment schedule is as follows:

	Amount	Date required
Deposit	£50.00	28/09/18
2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	£100	12/11/18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	£139.50	15/03/19

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Parents who are eligible for assistance according to the school's Charging and Remissions Policy should contact the school on 01604 669200 or email [office@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:office@ccs.northants.sch.uk) where this matter will be dealt with in confidence.

**We are aware that not all students who study history were informed about the upcoming Belgium Battlefields Trip. To ensure that it is fair, we are giving an extension until Friday September 28th September for students to return their consent forms and complete their 200 words about why they would like to go.**

Yours faithfully  
Miss Alessandra Cambio (Teacher of Humanities – Party Leader)

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Please return to Student Services by **24/09/18**

I agree to Name of Student:.....Form:.....to participate in the **WW1 Battlefields** on **8th – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

I agree to pay the food and accommodation charge

I understand that the transport and activities is a voluntary contribution, and that if insufficient voluntary contributions are received the trip will be cancelled for all students.

I agree to the voluntary contribution

I confirm that a deposit payment of **£50 will be made** via ParentPay by **(28/09/18)** if my child is successful   
[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian      Date:.....

Under the “1996 Education Act”, the school requests a voluntary contribution if you wish your child to take part in a visit. The contribution is voluntary but the visit will only take place if there is enough voluntary contributions to make the trip viable. Otherwise, the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be made. Please indicate your agreement to make the voluntary contribution on the consent slip above.