

1th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

History Visit to Ypres, Belgium

The History department is happy to announce that we are running a visit to the World War One Battlefields of Ypres for Year 9 pupils. This visit complements the History GCSE Specification and will also provide pupils with invaluable enrichment opportunities and memories.

The visit is relevant for all Year 9 pupils as we have been studying World War One in History lessons this term. However, it will be particularly helpful for pupils who are intending to study History at GCSE, as the first topic we will study is Medicine on the Western Front. As Year 9 have not made their option choices yet, it will be available to all pupils in the year group.

The visit will take place from Wednesday, 4th - Friday, 6th June 2025. The visit includes all travel, visits and half-board accommodation. Pupils will need to bring some Euros to pay for food and souvenirs.

Provisional Itinerary

Day 1

Morning: Depart early from school, ferry crossing to Calais; drive to Ypres area Afternoon: Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 and Langemark War Cemetery Continue to accommodation - check in upon arrival

Evening meal in accommodation

Day 2

Breakfast in accommodation

Morning: Ypres Town Centre, including Flanders Field Museum & Leonidas Chocolate Shop

Afternoon: Sanctuary Wood trenches and Essex Farm Cemetery

Evening meal in accommodation

Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial

Day 3

Breakfast in accommodation

Morning: Talbot House and Tyne Cot Cemetery Afternoon: Depart Poperinge - drive to Calais Arrival back to school in the evening

The total cost of the visit is £350.00. If you would like your child to attend the visit, please pay a deposit of £50 on ParentPay www.parentpay.com as soon as possible. The remaining balance of the visit will be paid in two instalments of £150.00 in January and March 2025. There are 70 places on the visit and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Payment Schedule	
Monday 16 th December 2024	1st deposit of £50.00
Monday 27 th January 2025	1 st instalment of £150.00
Monday 24 th March 2025	2 nd instalment of £150.00

We do not wish for finances to be a barrier to pupils attending the visit - if your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like your child to attend the visit but would require financial support for them to do so, please contact me in confidence to discuss the possibility of funding, such as a small discount on the overall cost or paying in more instalments.

Please note that as this is a residential visit overseas, all pupils will require a passport which is valid until 31st December 2025. Please email a photograph or scan of the photo page of your child's passport to phill@archten.croydon.sch.uk. If your child has a non-UK passport, please check the entry requirements for your child to visit Belgium, as you will need to ensure they have the correct documents in order to travel (British Residence Permit, Visa etc.)

Your child's place on the visit will only be confirmed once the first deposit has been paid and I have received a photograph of your child's passport.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions regarding the visit.

Yours sincerely

Miss Philips

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