

15 September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Belgium Trip: Wednesday 18 July – Friday 20 July 2018

We have the opportunity of taking a group of year 9 students to the First World War battlefields and memorials in July 2018. We have to book early as demand for places at the hostels is very high in this centenary year. This includes the coach trip and full board at the Peace Hostel Ypres.

The trip involves visits to the Menim Gate remembrance ceremony, Ypres and to Tyne Cot Cemetery. It requires students to be mature and sensitive. It is always a huge responsibility to take students on overseas trips. As the tour leader I reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any student who, in my opinion, will not treat this visit with the necessary seriousness.

We only have 40 student places available. This trip is of especial relevance to students thinking of taking History at GCSE level. One of our GCSE topics is Medicine through time with a special unit on Battlefield medical treatment on the Western Front.

The total cost of the trip is £249.00 per student. To secure a place for your child, please pay a deposit of £80.00 (non-refundable) by Thursday 28 September 2017. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Payment Plan

Thursday 28 September 2017	£80.00	<u>Non-refundable deposit</u>
Thursday 2 November 2017	£100.00	
Thursday 1 February 2018	£69.00	

Cancellation charges

More than 70 days	Deposit
70-29 days before departure	60% of trip cost
28-15 days before departure	80% of trip cost
14 days before departure	100% of trip cost

If you would like your child to take part, please give consent and make payment by Thursday 28 September 2017, as detailed below:

Payment can be made online through the Schoolcomms online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com. This can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>.

If you have given consent online and your information has changed since you last completed a data collection/consent form, please inform us of any changes by contacting your child's AtHoS with the relevant information.

With best wishes

**Heather Padden
Head of History**