

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 History Trip to Flanders and Picardy, July 2017

***“Awesome!” “The best trip I’ve been on at school”
“Fantastic and memorable” “It’s made a huge impact on my daughter”***

These are some of the comments made by students and parents after previous trips to the battlefields of the First World War. The study of aspects of warfare from 1792-1918 forms a direct part of the A level History course and the trip affords an opportunity to witness at first hand the battlefields, cemeteries, trenches and memorials relating to Britain’s involvement in the Great War. Most students will be completing their coursework on this topic. By its nature, it is a visit that makes a big impact on students.



It is a five-day trip and the itinerary is as follows:

Monday 10 July

Leave school at 2.30pm for the journey to Hull. Overnight ferry to Zeebrugge in Belgium.

Tuesday 11 July

Tour of Ypres Salient, "In Flanders Fields", including Tyne Cot Cemetery (below), Langemarck German Cemetery, Hoge Crater Museum, Sanctuary Wood trenches. Check into De Lork centre. Last Post Ceremony, Menin Gate.



Wednesday 12 July

A full-day excursion to the battlefields of the Somme in France. Visits to Newfoundland Park (a preserved battlefield site), the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing (photograph below), Sheffield Memorial Park and sites particular to where Yorkshire/Harrogate soldiers fought.



Thursday 13 July

A tour of the beautiful city of Bruges, including a canal boat trip. Journey to Zeebrugge for the overnight ferry to Hull.

Friday 14 July

Return journey from Hull to Harrogate, arriving about 11.00am

Accommodation is in a high quality Youth Hostel, CJT De Lork, situated in Kemmel, a village just 4 miles from the town of Ypres. Each room has en-suite facilities. The cost of the trip is £450 for the five days. This includes full board and all entrances.

Students will be travelling on their own passport that has to be valid until the date of the return to the UK. Please ensure that your child has a valid passport for the visit. If he/she holds a passport other than one issued by the UK Passport Agency it is your responsibility to check if you require a Visa to travel to Belgium and France. He/she will need to have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The quickest and easiest way to an EHIC is to apply online at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers.

Payment should preferably be made on parent pay however you can pay by cheque (payable to St Aidan's School Fund) with your child's name and form on the reverse and hand into the finance office at St Aidan's. **Can I stress that your child will need the reply slip and a deposit of £70 to secure a place on the trip whether it is by**



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parent pay or cheque. Would you please make payment of the deposit by Monday 26th September. The maximum number of participants will be about 45. Further payments of £190 can be made on 17 January and 14 March. A reminder letter will be sent out to this effect

If you have any questions concerning this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me. The organising company, Galloway Coach Travel Limited have asked me to point out that late cancellations will normally result in the forfeiture of the deposit unless a replacement can be found.

Yours faithfully

Dr J D Nicholas
Head of History (St Aidans)



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I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the above visit and enclose a deposit of £70 by **cheque** / I have paid by **parent pay** (please circle). I am aware that a late cancellation will mean a loss of deposit unless a replacement is found



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Name of Student..... Form.....

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date.....

Please complete and enclose cheque (if applicable) and hand into the finance department by Monday 26th September 2016.