



First World War Battlefields Trip – July 2015

October 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

The First World War is a seminal event in British and world history, and one which continues to generate a great deal of general interest and media coverage. To help the students engage with this vast subject in a personal and highly informative way we would like to offer them the opportunity to visit the battlefields of the Great War.

The proposed trip would leave on **Sunday 12th July 2015** returning on **Wednesday 15th July** and would cost £260.

This price would include:

- Return travel to France and Belgium (coach and ferry)
- Accommodation for three nights with full board in a hotel in Belgium and overnight accommodation on the ferry from Hull to Zeebrugge
- Tours of the main sites around Ypres and the Somme.

Students will need a valid personal passport and an EHIC insurance card; students with non EU passports will need to arrange appropriate visas for France and Belgium.

At this stage we would like to ask for a deposit of £70 if you would like to reserve a place for your son/daughter. The payment schedule is as follows:

Deposit (£70):	Friday 28th November 2014
Installment 2 (£70):	Monday 2nd February 2015
Installment 3 (£60):	Friday 20th March 2015
Installment 4 (£60)	Friday 1st May 2015

The College may be able to offer some support for any student whose family is in receipt of any of the following benefit payments: Income support, Income based job seekers allowance, Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit. Anyone wishing to seek support for payment should write a supporting letter to the Principal, Ms M Costello, attaching an original, current document giving evidence of one of the above. This will be returned.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate, please complete the slip below and submit it to Mrs Rushton or Mrs Kellett in the Lower School office with the deposit paid in **cash or cheque**. Subsequent payments should be where ever possible made through ParentPay where there is the opportunity to register your consent for your child. This is done on the understanding that all contact and medical

details are the same as the information you gave the school at the beginning of term. Anyone who cannot access ParentPay should contact Mrs Rushton in the Lower School office to arrange payment.

Given the fact that this is an overseas trip we would expect behaviour of the highest standards; students who have shown on previous College trips that they are unable to achieve this will not be allowed on the trip.

There will be an information evening on **Thursday 18th June 2015** at 7pm at the College to give students and parents further details about the trip, to answer any questions and to collect in passports and EHIC cards.

We will accept deposits from **Friday 24th October** and the deadline for deposits will be **Monday 10th November**. Please note that, once paid, the deposit is non-returnable unless another student can be found to take the place. However, if initial numbers are insufficient and make the trip unviable then deposits will be returned in full. If the trip is over-subscribed, then priority will be given to students in Years 10 and 12. A ballot will then be conducted among Year 9 students to allocate the remaining places. Unsuccessful students will of course have their deposits returned.

We hope that the trip will be an enjoyable and educational experience. Thank you for your support in this venture. Please feel free to contact us at school should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

Ms P Fisher
Head of History

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To return to the Lower School Office by Monday 10th November.

Student name _____ Form _____

I would like to reserve a place for my daughter/son on the First World War Battlefields Trip.

I enclose a cheque/cash for £70 as a deposit (please make cheques payable to Settle College and write the student's name and form on the back).

I understand that the remaining payment of £190 will be due by 1st May 2015 by ParentPay and that the deposit is non-returnable unless a suitable replacement can be found.

Passport details – please tick the appropriate box

My son/daughter has a personal passport that will be valid for at least 6 months from July 2014

My son/daughter will be applying for a personal passport that will be valid for July 2014

My son/daughter has a non EU passport and will be applying for visas for France and Belgium

My son/daughter has a new EHIC card

My son/daughter will be applying for a new EHIC card

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)