



10 February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 History Battlefields Trip - Saturday 8 - Monday 10 July 2017

I am writing to inform you about a History trip we are organising to the World War One Battlefields in Belgium and France from Saturday 8 July to Monday 10 July 2017. World War One trench conditions and key battles will feature prominently during this trip. *This is an optional trip and is not essential to the curriculum or completion of the syllabus being studied.*

This trip is open for all students in Year 9 but with a focus on those studying GCSE History and who wish to develop their understanding of the First World War. It reinforces the learning students undertake in Year 9 History of the war. It will also help prepare students who are taking GCSE History as the First World War features on the GCSE syllabus.

Whilst in Belgium and France, students will experience the living conditions in the trenches and the destructive power, waste and futility of war by touring the battlefields of the Ypres Salient and the Somme. Amongst other activities, students will attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate and visit the British Dugout Experience and German trench system at the Passchendaele Museum. Students will also be able to visit the town of Ypres, which was destroyed during the 'Great War', and has since been rebuilt in its original character.

We will be departing from school early on the Saturday morning and will be returning to school on the Monday evening. We will be travelling by coach and will then take either the Eurotunnel or Ferry. Students are expected in school as normal the following day.

The total cost of this trip is £250, which includes the students' transport, accommodation and entries to all sites we will be visiting. Their food will be provided once they arrive in Ypres, Belgium on the Saturday evening, until we depart on Monday lunchtime. The only money that students may require will be for souvenirs and any additional food they may like to purchase along the way.

There are 50 places available on this trip and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis (on payment of deposit via sQuid). If you would like your child to go on this trip, there is a **non-refundable deposit of £100**, to be paid using our on-line e-payment system, with your existing sQuid account through the new sQuid portal (<https://portal.squidcard.com/>). You will be able to do this **from 6pm on Sunday 26 February 2017** (closing date is Friday 3 March 2017). Please return the attached consent slip to the Finance Office, confirming payment has been made.

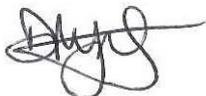
For your information, the remaining payment dates are listed below. Please note that all payments can be made at any time but each one **must be paid by the date stated**:

Payment Required	To Be Paid By
£100 deposit (non-refundable)	Friday 3 March 2017
£75	Friday 28 April 2017
£75	Thursday 25 May 2017

Please note that due to the nature of this trip, **we are unable to refund the cost of the trip, if your child is unable to go.**

If you would like any further information about this particular trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email on enquiries@coxgreen.com

Yours sincerely



Ms Danielle Ayre
Learning Leader History - Trip Leader

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school Behaviour Policy. Any student who receives an internal or fixed term external exclusion will have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be re-sold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be re-sold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the costs of this trip, from the school's Pupil Premium funding. To make a request for assistance please contact the Finance Office via email: finance@coxgreen.com or in writing to the school; including your child's name and form, stating that they are, or have been in receipt of free school meals. The Pupil Premium funding is to be used for educational purposes only.*
- *Please note that Pupil Premium support for this trip is limited to 10% of the total cost of the trip and all requests should be made by 12 noon on Wednesday 22 February 2017.*

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PERMISSION SLIP - Year 9 History Battlefields Trip - Saturday 8 – Monday 10 July 2017

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

- I would like my child to attend the Year 9 History WW1 Battlefields Trip
- I have paid £100 Deposit (non-refundable) via my child's sQuid account
- My child's 2016/17 Offsite Activity Form (OA4) has been returned to school and is up to date.
- My child has a valid passport and EHIC to be able to travel on these dates

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return your permission slip to the Finance Office by Friday 3 March 2017

