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## Educational Visits

# WW1 Battlefields Tour 2025 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February

**May 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The History Department has organised a World War One Battlefields Tour, a residential visit, to take place from **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

The visit includes a tour of all the major World War One battlefields and an in-depth and personal study of life in the trenches, complimenting studies done in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10. Students will learn about the fighting that took place on fields across France and Belgium, conditions in the trenches, and how soldiers and the war are remembered today. We will visit museums, battlefield sites, cemeteries and other places of interest.

Our previous tour proved very rewarding and moving and was an incredible and memorable experience for all. The tour is led by an experienced historian and former Head of History who spends half the year in France and Belgium, either on tour or organising sites for us to visit.

## Students invited

This trip is only open to pupils **currently** in **Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9**.

## Cost of the trip

The total cost of this trip will be **£578 per pupil**.

## What's included?

- Executive coach travel
- Return Channel crossing (inc. meals on ferry)
- 3 nights' accommodation
- Lunch and evening meal on Day 1
- Breakfasts, lunches & evening meals on the 3 other days
- 4-day Flanders & Somme itinerary
- Museum visits - Hooge Crater Museum
  - (including Trench Experience) and Talbot House



- Last Post & wreath-laying
- Chocolate shop visit
- Guides/educators
- Zeitgeist Tour Pal for every student

## Consent and payment

Please go to: <https://www.parentpay.com/> to give your consent and pay the deposit by the date shown below in the Payment Schedule.

If you would like to request financial assistance, please email [finance@kevi.org.uk](mailto:finance@kevi.org.uk).

## Place allocation

Places are limited on this trip. Places will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. When the trip allocation is full, it will disappear from ParentPay. If this is the case, please email [finance@kevi.org.uk](mailto:finance@kevi.org.uk) and ask to be placed on the waiting list in case a place becomes available at a later date.

## Payment schedule

Deposits must be paid via ParentPay by **19<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at the latest. All payments are non-refundable.

Payment	Amount due	Date due
Deposit	£80.00	19/06/2024
Second payment	£249.00	13/09/2024
Final instalment	£249.00	27/11/2024

## Financial support

We understand that the costs involved are high, however your child may be entitled to some financial support from the school's Endowment Fund, up to 25% off the total cost. Please contact the school if you wish to apply for support.

## Booking conditions

1. All payments are non-refundable once your child has been allocated a place, **even if your child leaves the school.**
2. If the trip is cancelled due to insufficient contributions, or is unable to go ahead due to Covid restrictions, your payment will be returned.



- 3. It is imperative that your child has their own valid passport. Any student without a valid passport at the time of departure will not be able to go on the trip and will not be eligible for a refund. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the date of departure.**
- 4. All pupils will also need a valid UK EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), or if this has expired, a new UK GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card). These are free and can be ordered at <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>**
5. The school reserves the right to remove, from this trip at any stage, any student whose behaviour becomes a concern. Please be aware that you may lose your deposit and any monies paid if this happens.
6. The school will not be held responsible for the loss, theft or damage of any personal items whilst on a school trip.
7. You must inform the school of any changes to your child's medical and dietary needs and/or emergency contact details.
8. Payment and/or consent online is an acceptance of the payment schedule and booking conditions.

Once places have been allocated, an information evening for the tour will be held for all pupils to attend, along with their parents. Details will be shared in due course.

A dedicated website will also be set up offering further information and details about the places we are likely to visit, including some background history which parents and pupils may find interesting.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the School Office on 01785 258546.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr D Lomas**  
**Lead Teacher in History**