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23rd April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

History GCSE Battlefields of Belgium Visit

I am pleased to inform you that in October 2026, the History Department are hosting a trip to Belgium to tour World War One sites in Ypres and the Somme. The trip will take place from 7th to 9th October 2026. The visit will coincide with the study of the Historical Environment component of the GCSE Paper 1 Medicine exam, in which students are examined upon their knowledge of Medicine on the Western Front during World War 1.

This will be a great opportunity for your son/daughter as during the tour we plan to visit various sites including preserved sections of World War One trenches, Field Hospitals, Military Cemeteries and Museums. We will also attend the famous Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres and have a renowned Historian, Robin Schäfer, attending the visit with us as a guide.

We plan to travel by coach and then take the ferry from Dover to Calais, where we will then continue to Belgium via coach. The total cost of the trip will be approximately **£490** which will include all transport, accommodation, entrance fees to exhibits and main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), although students can bring additional spending money should they wish to. Students must have their own in-date passport to travel according to foreign office guidelines, which can be found at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/belgium/entry-requirements.

If you would like to apply for a place on the trip for your son/daughter, please return the reply slip and pay a non-refundable deposit of £60, payable on Parent Pay by Monday 12th May 2025. I will write to you again once deposits are paid confirming our itinerary, final confirmed costs and details of the two other payment deadlines ahead of the visit in 2026. Places on the visit are limited to 40 students in total, and it is only available to students studying GCSE History from September 2025 onwards. **Places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.** Please note that the offer of a place on the trip is dependent on the student's school record, including factors such as attendance, progress and behaviour. The Academy reserves the right to withhold or withdraw the offer of a place at the discretion of the Principal.

Should you have any queries regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sian James

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Please return the reply slip to Reception: Mrs James

GCSE History Trip – Battlefields 7th- 9th October 2026

I would like to apply for a place on the Belgium trip from 7th - 9th October 2026 for my son/daughter.

My child: Tutor:

Parent/Carer Signature: Date :

☐ I can confirm that I have paid the £60 deposit for the visit on Parent Pay

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