

22 February 2016

Dear Parents,

WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

The History Department is intending to run our highly popular 2 day battlefields tour again this year and the dates are **Thursday 17th November – Friday 18th November**. We have been with Anglia Tours for many years now and remain confident that they provide us with the most expert guides and the best experience for the students to enhance their understanding of World War 1. We pack an enormous amount into the 2 days, visiting the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres, cemeteries for the Commonwealth and Germany, the museum at Passchendaele, trench systems and the opportunity to attend the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. This is always a hugely popular trip and an incredibly moving experience as well as being good fun. It also needs to be said that it is a demanding trip and a genuine enthusiasm for History is a must and, of course, the promise of excellent behaviour.

The final cost of the trip will depend on numbers, but we envisage that each student will need to pay a contribution of not more than £195, (to be confirmed later). This will include a night at the excellent Messines Ridge Hostel, both evening meals, breakfast and a packed lunch on the second day and possibly a dusk 'trench experience'. Should insufficient contributions be made then the visit may not be able to proceed. There may be financial assistance available in cases of financial hardship so please contact the finance department if this is the case.

There will be about 70 places available - a number determined by coach size - and due to the overwhelming response to these trips, we suggest you send in your deposit of £50 in order to apply for one of these places. The reply slip will need to be returned to **the finance office** - the closing date is **Thursday 10th March 2016**. Please indicate below if you would like a payment card. Should we have more students wanting to go on the trip than we have places available then names will be drawn randomly to decide. Receipt of the £60 deposit is a commitment to the trip and will only be refunded if your child is not successful in getting a place if we are oversubscribed. There is increasing pressure on accommodation these days for Battlefields trips which is why we are launching this so early.

All students will need a passport valid for the dates of the trip and a European Health Insurance Card (which replaced the old E111 card). We will need a photocopy of the passport in the Summer term please – we have had problems in the past! If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Nicky Turner

REPLY SLIP – Due by **10th March 2016** (Please take to finance)

I would like to reserve my child's place on the World War I Battlefields Trip and I enclose a £60 deposit.

PAYMENT CARD

OR

PAY IN ONE GO BY July 15th

(please indicate which)

Student's Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____