

To: Parents/Carers of Year 9 Students

Our Ref: 87850993

11 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 9 Visit to First World War Western Front Battlefields**

The History department is pleased to offer your child the opportunity to apply for a visit to Belgium and France to visit the First World War Battlefields. The provisional dates of the trip are Saturday 31 May – Tuesday 3 June 2025.

The details are as followed:

Travel: Coach to Dover for a ferry crossing to Calais.

Accommodation: 2 nights in Ypres, Belgium. 1 night in Northern France (Somme region).

Tour Operator: WST

The proposed itinerary includes:

Visit to the interactive Flanders Fields Museum.

One day visit to key sites around Ypres such as Hill 62, the Sanctuary Wood Museum, the site of the Christmas Truce, the German military cemetery Langemark and the British and Commonwealth cemetery at Tyne Cot.

One day visit to Vimy Ridge and sites on the Somme battlefield, including the Thiepval memorial and Sheffield Park.

Attending the Menin Gate 'Last Post' ceremony.

Opportunities for students to visit graves of ancestors around the Somme and Ypres.

As a school we work to ensure that the costs of all our visits are minimised so that as many students as possible can take advantage of these valuable learning experiences. In this case, to be able to offer the visit, we are requesting a contribution of £490 per student. If the level of contributions fails to cover the costs then the visit may be cancelled. Where this happens, all monies will be returned. Otherwise, all payments are non-refundable. Students who are entitled to free school meals may arrange for a packed lunch to be provided for the visit (available upon request).

**How do I register my child for a place on the visit?**

Please complete the following form to register your child's interest in the visit

<https://forms.office.com/e/3yzcp2cTim> You will need to clearly state your child's name and tutor group. The deadline for completing this form is Tuesday 17 December at 9am.



The visit will be available for up to 40 students. If the visit is oversubscribed, names will be selected at random. If the visit does not reach the number of students required to be financially viable, it may not go ahead. Alternatively, there may be an increase in the price, which would be communicated to parents/carers for agreement.

Our visits are sometimes oversubscribed, and we do reserve the right to refuse a place on the visit based on any student's school behaviour record.

You will be notified after the deadline if your child is successful or unsuccessful in gaining a place on the visit. If your child is successful, an initial deposit of £50 will be required by Friday 17 January 2025 to secure a place.

You can make your contribution payment by using our secure internet payment site South Hunsley School ([arbor.sc](https://arbor.sc)) or by using the Arbor app. If you require any assistance in using this site or if you need your login details, please e-mail [arbor@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:arbor@southhunsley.org.uk). If you do not have access to the internet then please contact the Finance department via telephone on 01482 631 208 to arrange an alternative method of payment.

A non-refundable deposit of £50 must be received by Friday 17 January 2025 to confirm a place on the visit.

All visit contributions must be received by Saturday 15 March 2025.

Should you wish to discuss further details in person, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may leave an email with your contact details so I can contact you at a mutually convenient time.

Yours faithfully



Miss W Bower  
**Assistant Headteacher**