



Chenderit School

A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Our ref: History/WW1 Battlefields Tour 2022/WLG/tjr

Dear Parent/Carer,

7th October 2021

GUIDED HISTORY TOUR 4TH-6TH Feb 2022

We are excited to be proposing a school tour to Ypres and the Somme to support our curriculum plans for History students and enhance learning experiences within the school.

The purpose of the tour is to consolidate learning on the nature of fighting during the First World War, to provide students with a different learning experience and to enthuse students in their historical studies. As with all residential visits, attendees will also have the chance to develop their social skills and sense of independence.

The provisional group size is forty year eight students. Adults accompanying the group will be to a ratio of one teacher to every ten students and will include Mr. Gowers.

We will be staying at the Poppies Guesthouse in Ypres. Students will sleep in bunk rooms in groups of their choice (where possible). The rooms are en-suite. We will have sole occupancy of the building for the duration of our stay. The Poppies guesthouse is located in central Ypres, which allows us to explore the city with ease.

The provisional cost of the tour is £295pp. The price includes: return executive coach travel, return channel crossings, full board accommodation at the Templehof in Ypres, group travel insurance, NST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour, a professional guide who will accompany us for the duration of the stay and entry to all locations on the itinerary.

The itinerary for the tour will include: visit Sanctuary Wood Museum and Hill 62 (original British trenches and a museum containing artefacts and photographs). Tyne Cot British Cemetery (the largest British cemetery in the world), Bayernwald (original German trench system), Hooge Crater (museum showing reconstructed battlefields), In Flanders Fields Museum (interactive exhibits and resource pack provided), Langemark German Cemetery (to provide comparison to the British Cemetery at Tyne Cot), Menin Gate and Last Post ceremony, Delville Wood Museum (shows the experiences of South Africans during the First World War), Lochnagar Crater (an enormous crater created by a British mine, Newfoundland Park, Beaumont Hamel (large preserved trench system, Canadian museum), Thiepval Memorial and Visitor Centre (memorial to the missing British soldiers).

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In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has approximately 20 Euro spending money for the trip. They will also require a passport and possibly a Global Health Insurance Card (this recently replaced the EHIC).

To secure a place for your child or ward on this trip, a non-refundable deposit (in case of student cancellation) of £50.00 is required before Friday 15th October 2021 (payable via ParentPay), along with the completed permission slip (handed in to Mr. Gowers in room 40).

Please note that places are allocated on a first come-first served basis. As in previous years, we are expecting the places to be filled very quickly. Payment of the deposit on ParentPay secures the place. A further payment of £130 will need to be made on or before Friday 3rd December 2021. A third and final payment of £115 will be required before Friday 7th January 2022. It is really important that these payments are made in good time.

As per our charging and remission policy, this educational visit will only go ahead if we are able to cover the cost through voluntary contributions. This includes entry to all sites as above and the cost of travel. Our preferred payment method is now online, via ParentPay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at www.parentpay.com. Please contact The Finance Office if you need a ParentPay password or assistance. All trip payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (Cash and cheques will also be accepted). The deposit will be refunded if the trip is unable to take place due to lack of interest.

Our tour company, NST provide some insurance of payments. If the entire visit has to be cancelled or delayed due to government restrictions regarding Covid, then they would offer us an alternative date. If the date was unsuitable, then a full cash refund would be offered instead. NST have said they are unable to offer a refund in the case of an individual being unable to attend due to receiving a positive test result.

However, in the event that the trip goes ahead but your child is unable to participate due to covid-19, the schools cancellation cover and refunds require evidence of a positive PCR test or evidence of trying to obtain the PCR test results (e.g. dated/timed telephone calls and/or emails).

Refunds WILL be available if on departure:

- Your child has a positive PCR
- Your child is required to isolate by NHS Test and Trace
- Your child has Covid-19 symptoms and is awaiting a PCR test result

Refunds are NOT available if on departure:

- Your child is under the age of 18 years and 6 months and has been identified as a close contact
- Your child is fully vaccinated and has been identified as a close contact

For students to be able to participate in educational visits, school organised events or school related activities good student behaviour is of paramount importance. If a student presents regular poor behaviours in school and/or we consider that the student presents a significant, unmanageable or unacceptable risk to the health, safety and/or welfare of that student or others on the trip, including the adult leaders, the student is unlikely to be able to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this event please do not hesitate to make contact with the event organiser.

We will hold a meeting in school for parents and students attending the educational visit in January 2022. If you have any questions in the meantime, please e-mail me at: wgowers@chenderit.net

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Gowers
Head of History

GUIDED HISTORY TOUR-BELGIUM- 4TH-6th Feb 2022 PERMISSION SLIP

Student's name..... Tutor group

[HISTORY GROUP].....

I wish to reserve a place for my child/ward on this trip.

Deposit: £50.00 (non-refundable). Payable by Friday 15th October 2021

Paid by ParentPay Paid by cash/cheque (please ✓ as appropriate)

I/we also acknowledge that the students will be travelling by coach and that insurance has been included.

Contact no: _____ Medical Issues Yes No

If yes, school will contact you.

Name (Parent/Carer) (please print)

Signature.....

Please return this completed slip as soon as possible as to Mr Gowers (Room40) to as soon as possible.

Please note cancellation charges may apply should you cancel your child's place on the tour.