



# Chenderit School

## A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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*Our ref: History/Letters/WW1 Battlefields Tour 2019/wlg/mer*

Dear Parent/Carer,

10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **GUIDED HISTORY TOUR 5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

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 trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 45 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away. I have worked with NST in the past and the service is excellent.

The purpose of the trip is to consolidate learning on the nature of fighting during the First World War, to provide students with a different learning experience, to commemorate the centenary of the First World War 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 40 year eight students. Adults accompanying the group will be to a ratio of one teacher to every ten students and will include Mr. Gowers and Mr. Barber.

We will be staying at the Tempelhof 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 Tempelhof is located in central Ypres which allows us to explore the city with ease.

The provisional cost of the trip is £315. 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 trip 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 spending money for the trip. They will also require a passport and an EHIC card.

To secure a place for your son, daughter or ward on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 is required before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (payable via ParentPay), along with the completed permission slip (handed in to Mr. Gowers in room 40). A further payment of £130 will need to be made before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. A third and final payment of £135 will be required before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

As per our charging and remission policy, this trip/activity 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](http://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).

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 trip in February 2019. If you have any questions in the meantime, please e-mail me at: [wgowers@chenderit.notrthants.sch.uk](mailto:wgowers@chenderit.notrthants.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Gowers  
History Teacher

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**GUIDED HISTORY TOUR 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 PERMISSION SLIP**

Student's name..... Tutor group .....

[HISTORY GROUP].....

**I wish to reserve a place for my son/daughter/ward on this trip.**

Name (Parent/Carer) ..... (please print)

Signature.....

***Please return this completed slip as soon as possible as to your history teacher to ensure that you have a place reserved.***

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