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Y10 GCSE Visit to World War One Somme Battlefields

13th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are already aware, your child is studying Conflict and Tension 1894 - 1918 as one of the units of their GCSE History course. To support and enrich this understanding, we are intending to visit the battlefields of the Somme region. This visit will take place 16th - 19th July 2017 (during the final week of the school year).

Although the specific details are still to be confirmed, I can give you a basic outline of our intended itinerary.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday 16 th July			Leave Trentham High on coach at approx. 10pm Travel through the night to reach Folkstone.
Monday 17 th July	Cross to France on Eurotunnel Lijssenthoek Cemetery	Lunch in Ypres Death Cells at Poperinge In Flanders Fields Museum	Check-into accommodation Evening meal Group activity
Tuesday	Breakfast	Packed lunch	Evening meal



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18th July	Full day excursions in the Somme Lochnagar Crater	Ulster Tower Beaumont Hamel Thiepval Memorial	Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate
Wednesday 19th July	Breakfast Check-out of your accommodation Langemark German Cemetery	Packed lunch Tyne Cot Cemetery Travel to Calais Check- in for Eurotunnel to Folkestone	Travel back to school Arrive back at Trentham High School. Time TBC

We will travel by coach from school to our hotel in the Ypres area. Departure will be on Sunday 16th July, staying for 2 nights in a hotel, and then return to school on Wednesday 19th July. We will therefore be back in school for the end of term activities on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th July. The hotel will be full board, so breakfast and dinner are at the hotel and they will provide us with a packed lunch each day.

We will be traveling with Equity Travel; a very experienced company that we have used previously.

The total cost of the visit is £240. This can be paid in one amount, or divided into:

- An initial deposit of £50 will be required by Friday 21st October. A meeting will then be held for parents and students on Wednesday 9th November to discuss the itinerary and the expectations of the visit.
- A second non-refundable payment of £80 will be required by Monday 12th December.
- The final non-refundable payment of £110 will be required by Monday 6th March.

The cost includes fully comprehensive travel insurance and a 24-hour emergency contact number and medical assistance service.

There are 45 places available. If these are not all taken by Year 10 GCSE History students by Friday 21st October, the visit will be opened to students in Year 9.



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All students will need their own individual passport. These will be looked after throughout the visit by a member of staff. Passports **MUST** be valid for a period of 6 months beyond the expected return date. European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) must also be provided for all students attending the visit. Further information will be shared once the visit is confirmed.

I would like the parents of all students wishing to attend this visit to attend a parents' meeting at school on Wednesday 9th November at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting is to give more specific details about the visit and to ensure that everyone involved is aware of the expectations of the visit. Please contact me at the school if you would like your child to join us on the visit but are unable to attend the meeting.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please complete the consent on the Gateway and pay the deposit of £50.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Johnson
Teacher of History

