



LK/LP

21st October 2016.

Dear Parents/ Carer,

Re: Year 10 History GCSE Visit to Ypres on Friday 10th March 2017.

The History department has arranged an educational visit on **Friday 10th March 2017** from **5am-10pm** approximately. The visit, which will be to the battlefields around Ypres, complements the GCSE Medicine Through Time unit, The British Sector on the Western Front (1914-1918).

The day will include a tour of the town of Ypres and its new interactive museum, with stops at the Menin Gate, British and German Commonwealth Grave cemeteries, the site where John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Field' and the Trench Museum at Sanctuary Wood.

The department has organised this popular and successful trip for several years and endeavours to enable as many students as possible to benefit from the experience. There are only 45 places available so, unfortunately, the department realises that some students may be disappointed. Letters are being given out to all Year 10 History GCSE students, but places will have to be allocated on a lottery system by drawing students' names out of a 'hat'. The school will, however, make the final decision about students who may present a health and safety concern, either to themselves or others, whilst attending this trip. The school must ensure that trips are conducted safely and this may result in students not being given permission to go. We have explained the situation to the students and ask for parent/carers' understanding on this matter.

The visit is not compulsory and will cost **£45**. This includes coach travel via the shuttle and museum fees. This money is non-refundable unless a last minute replacement can be found.

Please note: each student must possess their own passport.

Please return reply slips by Friday 25th November 2016 when the draw will take place. Please **do not** send any monies until you know whether your son/daughter has a place, when an additional information letter will be sent out. The school's method of payment is via the **sQuid** online payment system which can be accessed via the school website. If you have not registered with **sQuid** please refer to the website under section *School Information/Payments to the School* for guidance.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Layla Kenward
GCSE History Co-Ordinator



Re: Year 10 History Visit to Ypres on Friday 10th March 2017.

Student's name **Mentor Group**

I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the educational visit to Ypres on Friday 10th March 2017.

I will arrange for my son/daughter to arrive at Longhill and be picked up after the trip.

I confirm that my son/daughter does have their **own** passport.

Signed **(Parent/Carer)** **Date**

Please return this reply slip to Ms Kenward in A31 by Friday 25th November 2016.