



July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 residential trip to the WWI battlefields: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The History department is running a trip to the World War I battlefields for year 9 students. The conflict was a watershed moment in modern British history and its legacy is something which your child will learn about in their history lessons in year 9.

Next year we are offering your child the opportunity of a residential trip to the Somme battlefields. There we will have the opportunity to visit sites of interest and historic importance, as well as the chance to take part in a small remembrance ceremony to be held on behalf of the schools. Last year's residential trip was extremely successful and greatly enjoyed by all the students who attended.

I have attached details of the trip overleaf which will allow you to make an informed decision about whether you would like your child to go. I do appreciate that there is a financial burden attached to the trip, but every effort has been made to keep the cost as low as possible. The cost of this optional trip is £230. (Please note that if insufficient numbers take up this opportunity it will not be possible to run the trip and your payment will be returned.)

If you would like your child to take part in the above named trip please:

- Make payment of the initial deposit of £60 through your ParentPay account. Once you have accessed ParentPay you will see the trip on the screen, which you need to select, this will allow you to make payment and to complete the necessary permission slip for the trip. Please include details of any medical conditions and contact details in the notes field on ParentPay. If you are unable to do this please contact Mrs Williams, the Assistant Business Manager ([awilliams@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:awilliams@st-edmunds.eu)).
- The closing date for applications for this trip is **noon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

Please note that for staffing and transport reasons numbers are limited to 40 students. If the trip is oversubscribed by the closing date places will be allocated randomly. If your child is not selected for the trip any funds paid will be returned. We regret that other refunds cannot be made unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

If you have any questions at this stage please do contact me at school by email. My address is [bhutchings@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:bhutchings@st-edmunds.eu).

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Bryony Hutchings**  
**Trip Leader**  
**Head of History**

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**DATES:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**YEAR GROUP:** 9 – *For staffing and transport reasons numbers are limited to 40 students.*

**TRIP LEADER:** Miss B Hutchings

**ACCOMPANYING STAFF:** 4 additional members of staff

**TRAVEL COMPANY:** Halsbury Travel [www.halsbury.com](http://www.halsbury.com)

**PROVISIONAL ITINERARY:**

- Depart school Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April AM.
- Travel by luxury coach & Ferry/Eurotunnel to Albert, via Vimy Ridge (Canadian WWI memorial).
- Visit Somme battlefield on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- Visit French supermarket on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April (evening).
- Travel by luxury coach and Ferry/Eurotunnel back to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (arriving PM).

**MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION:**

- Two nights (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April) at The Poppies, Albert [www.poppiesalbert.com](http://www.poppiesalbert.com)
- All meals are included (breakfast, lunch and dinner), except lunch on the first day.

**COST OF TRIP:**

**£230**

Deposit: £60.00\* payable immediately.

A payment plan to pay the rest of the cost will be set up in September.

The cost of this trip includes travel, accommodation, all meals but one, and full travel insurance with 24hr emergency support if required. The cost of the trip also includes a small donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The cost of the trip does not include spending money and lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

*\*If your child is accepted for this trip and subsequently no longer wishes to go then deposits cannot be returned. Any further payments may be refunded but the amount will depend on the proximity of the cancellation to the date of departure in line with the tour company's terms and conditions, and whether a suitable replacement can be found.*

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