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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 9/Year 10 Educational Visit to Ypres, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Our History and Geography team are currently planning a trip to the First World War Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme which would be most valuable to your child in developing key skills, knowledge and understanding of this crucial period of European history. During this working trip we will be visiting a number of battlefield sites and museums around Ypres and the Somme area where we will undertake research focusing on the human cost of conflict.

We will be travelling with a reputable company specialising in organising school visits abroad and staying in a hostel near Ypres in Belgium.

We will depart from The Dean Academy early on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** and we will return on the evening on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. A full itinerary will follow in the near future. The cost of the visit will be **£470.00** which will include return travel from The Dean Academy to Ypres by coach and ferry, full board and accommodation, insurance, entrance to museums and work materials. **Students will be required to hold a current UK passport and must hand in passports to Finance by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

An initial non-returnable deposit of **£90.00** will be required by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

A second non-returnable deposit of **£130.00** will be required by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

A third non-refundable deposit of **£130.00** will be required by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

A final non-refundable payment of **£120.00** being required by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

If you wish your child to go on this trip, please make payments & consent via Parent Pay. If you wish to pay by cash, please contact the finance office as they will be able to produce a bar code for you to take to a local pay point. This trip will become available on Parent Pay on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Please note that the school reserves the right to withdraw any student from a trip if their behaviour and/or attendance prior to, or during, the visit does not meet the high standards we expect. This educational visit is fully insured. If your child has to withdraw from the visit for medical or other insurance accepted reasons, or if the school withdraws from the visit on the grounds of Health and Safety, the insurance company will normally give a refund subject to details of the insurance policy. Please note that the deposits are **not normally refunded**. In some situations, there may also be an excess charge which is not refunded.

The safety of students and staff is paramount. As with all overseas visits, this visit is subject to travel advice from the Foreign Office and Travel Company, along with the agreement of a detailed risk assessment. The final decision as to whether the visit should take place rests with the Head Teacher. In the unlikely event of the visit being cancelled due to Health and Safety concerns, it may be that not all money paid will be refunded.



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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hole at the school.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Faculty

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