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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 10 Battlefields Trip to Belgium (Ypres) and France (Somme)
Friday 3 October - Monday 6 October 2023**

The History Department will be offering the opportunity for Year 10 (current Year 9) History students to enrich their experience of the History curriculum through a field trip to France and Belgium. Students will gain a detailed insight into the events of World War I at Sanctuary Wood, the underground tunnels at Vimy Ridge, the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, the contrasting British and German cemeteries at Langemark and Tyne Cot, and the most impressive interactive state of the art Memorial Museum in Passchendaele.

The accommodation for the visit will be the Youth Hostel at Ypres in Belgium. The Youth Hostel is spacious and well maintained with a good range of facilities and excellent catering.

The cost of the trip is £390.00. This includes transport, accommodation, all meals and entrance fees. **Payment can be made in full or split into five, with the deposit of £60.00 (non-refundable) payable by Sunday 2 March 2025. Further payments of £82.50 are to be paid by 30 April, 31 May, 30 June and 31 July 2025.**

All students will require their own valid passport and Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) [Information HERE](#). Students will also need to have at least 3 months validity from the date of return to the UK (6 January 2026).

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your ParentPay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online ParentPay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment £60.00 by Sunday 2 March 2025.

It is anticipated that demand will significantly exceed places on the trip, which are unfortunately limited to 45. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have



to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

Should you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Dellow

Teacher of History