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1 February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 10 Battlefields Trip to Belgium (Ypres) and France (Somme)

Friday 6 October - Monday 9 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 £340.00. This includes transport, accommodation, all meals and entrance fees. **Payment can be made in full or split into five, with the deposit of £60 (non-refundable) payable by Monday 20 February 2023. Further payments of £70 are to be paid by 31 March, 30 April, 31 May and 30 June 2023.**

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 (10 January 2024).

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. A deposit will also need to be paid at this 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 forms accompanied by a payment of £60 Monday 20 February 2023.

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 you will be informed and any monies received will be returned.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team therefore reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

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

Yours sincerely

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