



15 June 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

**Day trip to the WW1 battlefields in Ypres, Belgium – Friday 5 October 2018**

The History department is running a trip to the WW1 battlefields in Ypres, Belgium. Belgium was at the heart of fighting during the First World War and the town of Ypres witnessed more than five major battles over the course of the war. This trip offers your son/daughter a chance to experience what life was like in the trenches and to reflect on the conditions and harsh realities of the First World War. This will greatly support their studies in History this year.

The trip will take place on Friday 5 October 2018. In order to attend this trip students **must have an in date passport**. Children will need to be in school at 5.15am for a departure time of 5.30am and the expected return time is 01.30 – 02:00am (Saturday morning). This will make it a long day but it enables us to stay for the Last Post at the Menin Gate in the evening, a very special event and a real highlight of the trip. The students will then have the weekend to recover. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and we would recommend they bring a small amount of money to buy some dinner and any souvenirs (there is a world-renowned chocolate shop there!). Students will be required to wear school uniform and bring a waterproof coat but are welcome to wear more comfortable footwear eg trainers.

The total cost of the trip is £80.20. We are hoping that we will have a large uptake given how fantastic an experience this will be during the centenary of WW1. If you are experiencing financial hardship and this is likely to prevent your child attending, please contact me. The school has some funds available to facilitate student participation in these circumstances.

To secure your child's place on this trip the **total amount of £80.20** is required by **12pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018**. We know that this does not give you a huge amount of time however the deposit is needed to secure a time slot for the channel tunnel crossing. Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. **Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted**. Please log onto the system ([www.squidcard.com](http://www.squidcard.com)) and select the 'trips/activities purse'. This trip will be called 'Ypres' and must be specifically selected in order to make payment. Please follow the instructions on screen. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made. It is very important that payment is made before the stated deadline. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions.

Vyners School has in place detailed procedures for ensuring that trips are well planned and that the health, welfare and safety of students is protected. A careful and written risk assessment has been prepared for this trip and adequate student supervision and insurance arrangements will be put in place.

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It is expected that all students will observe the highest standard of politeness, courtesy and conduct at all times. Our students are representing Vyners School and it is expected that they will do everything in a way that reflects positively on themselves and the school. The School's Behaviour Policy continues to be in force throughout the trip. Should it prove necessary to send a student home for misbehaviour, parents / carers will be expected to meet all extra costs incurred. In the event of a student being refused participation on a trip before departure because of poor behaviour, any contributions already paid will also be forfeit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms M Soley', written in a cursive style.

Ms M Soley  
History Teacher