

20 July 2018

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Great War 1914 – 1918, Battlefields Trip 14 – 17 June 2019

The History Department is proposing to take a Field Trip to visit some of the sites associated with The First World War, around Ypres and the Somme, which we will have been studying during Year 9. Indeed, your son will be coming to the end of a major topic on the Great War and we feel that he will be in a position to get a great deal from the trip.

We have made a provisional booking with Galloway, a company that we have travelled with before and have found to be the best in this field. Accommodation will be in a hostel in Kemmel, which is very modern, all rooms are en-suite, and to which we have also taken students previously. We will leave Sleaford at 6.30am on **Friday 14 June** and return at approximately 8pm on **Monday 17 June 2019**. The cost will be approximately **£350** (based on a group of 40 – 47 students in the party) which will include **all travel via the tunnel, three nights' accommodation, all meals, admission to all museums and sites, the group passport and full travel insurance**. We have included a copy of the itinerary so that you can see what we will be seeing and doing during the four days.

Participation in this trip is clearly voluntary: places are conditional on staff expectations of extremely high standards of student behaviour. With this in mind, places will be allocated in consultation with the Head of Year 9 and will be dependent upon consistently high standards of behaviour demonstrated throughout the year. A mandatory code of conduct for all foreign visits now exists and is enclosed with this letter.

If you would like your son to take part in this trip, please complete the attached reply slip and code of conduct form and return it by **Friday 21 September**. The trip will then appear on your Parent Pay account. **The deposit of £60 will be payable by Friday 28 September**, which will enable us to confirm the booking with Galloway. The deposit will be returned should we not receive approval from the governors. There are only 47 places available, but we will keep a list of reserves if there are more students wanting a place. There is the possibility of a second coach if numbers are sufficient. If we do not have 40 boys wishing to go, your deposit will be returned, though we have always found these trips to be very popular in the past.

Once it has been confirmed the trip is running you will see it on your ParentPay account, which will allow you to pay the deposit. Once this deposit has been paid to Galloway it will be non-refundable. Further details will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Quinton
Party Leader

Enclosure

BATTLEFIELDS OF THE GREAT WAR

Suggested itinerary for Year 9 Students – June 2019

Day 1

Leave Sleaford 6.30am.

- Trench of Death (Belgian site)
- Arrive hostel; settle into rooms, meal, briefing on days ahead.

Day 2

Visit to the **Somme**

- Wellington Tunnels, Arras
- Vimy Ridge
- English and German cemeteries between Vimy and Arras
- Ulster Tower and tour of Ulster Wood
- Thiepval
- Following the Front Line in 1916 (Pozières to Bapaume)
- Return to hostel, evening meal and a little free time

Day 3

Visit to **Ypres Salient**

- Tyne Cot and Langemark Cemeteries
- Hell Fire Corner and the Menin Road
- 'In Flander's Fields' Museum in Ypres
- Sanctuary Wood
- Zonnebeke
- Essex Farm
- Time in Ypres – one hour approx. (chocolate shop)
- Evening meal in local restaurant
- 'The Last Post' at the Menin Gate
- Return to hostel, packing and a little free time

Day 4 Visit to Bruges

- Sightseeing on the canals
- Ice cream treat (if time allows)
- Return to the Tunnel approx. 3.30pm
- Return to Sleaford approx. 8.00pm

COST = approx. £330 PER PERSON – to include ALL museums and visits AND all meals except on the outward journey from Sleaford to the Tunnel.

INITIAL DEPOSIT OF £60

ROBERT CARRE TRUST CONSENT FORM FOR FOREIGN VISITS

Visit to: Battlefields of France and Belgium

(Please return in envelope marked for the attention of Mr N Quinton)

Name of Student: **Form:**

I / We give my/our consent for my/our son named above to participate in this visit as outlined in the attached letter.

(Both parents with parental responsibility should give their signed consent for foreign visits. Please note that where parents are separated both parents with parental responsibility are still required to give their consent to participation in foreign visits unless the main carer has been designated by a Residency Order. If there are any concerns or queries in this regard please contact Mrs R Brooks (the Carre's Grammar School Safeguarding Officer).

I understand that the cost of this visit has to be met through a voluntary contribution of £330 and agree to make this contribution.

I agree to pay a deposit of £60 via ParentPay by Friday 28 September or within two weeks of it appearing on my account.

I am aware that further contributions will be due as follows and that payment by instalments will be accepted in the interim:

Signed: **Main Carer:** YES / NO / JOINT

Print Name: **Relationship to student:**

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Referred to Mrs R Brooks: YES / NO

Outcome:

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