



ABINGDON

From Head of History: David McGill

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Dear Parent

Each year we take a group of third form pupils to France for a three day tour of the battlefields of the Great War. These are fascinating to visit and the information imparted by the experienced guides who accompany us is very helpful to the boys since the Great War is not only part of the third form History syllabus but will also be useful to them at GCSE. Our intention is to visit the Somme and the Ypres Salient, departing at approximately 06.45 hours on Friday 17 April 2015 returning at approximately 18.15 hours on Sunday 19 April 2015. **This is the last weekend of the Easter holiday.** The projected tour, undertaken through Anglia Battlefield Tours Ltd, will include the following:

- › A visit to the battlefields and cemeteries at Ypres including the Menin Gate, the Passchendale Museum, the German cemetery at Langemarck and Vancouver Corner (the site where gas was first used on the Western Front).
- › Dinner in the Grand Square at Ypres and chocolate shopping.
- › A visit to the battlefields and cemeteries on the Somme including a study of mine warfare at the Lochnagar Crater.
- › A visit to the Ypres Salient to see the preserved trench system at Bayernwald and Hill 60.

The cost of the three day tour should be no more than £320 (as long as a minimum of forty five students go). This price includes coach travel, shuttle crossing, full board in hotel/hostel accommodation, museum entrance costs, the services of up guides, insurance cover and safety assessment. It does not cover lunch on the first day (normally students bring a packed lunch from home). The trip will be accompanied by members of the department.

Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If you would like your son to join the trip please could you send me an e-mail, or, alternatively return the slip at the bottom of the letter, as soon as possible. **Please note that as we incur costs as soon as we book the trip there is a non-refundable fee of £50 if you sign your son up for the trip, which will be included in the total payment for the trip.**

Yours sincerely

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Pupil's name: Tutor:.....

My son would like to participate in the History trip to the Battlefields of the Great War from Friday 17 April 2015 – Sunday 19 April 2015.

I understand that the cost of the trip will be approximately £320.

Signed:..... Date:.....