



From History Department: David McGill

20 September 2019

Dear Parents,

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Battlefields Trip

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 . Our intention is to visit the Somme and the Ypres Salient, departing at approximately 6am hours on Wednesday 15 April 2020 returning at approximately 7pm hours on Friday 17 April 2020. This is the last week of the Spring holidays and please note that boarders will not be able to stay in boarding houses. 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 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
- A visit to Vimy Ridge to see the battlefields created by the Arras offensive of 1917.

The cost of the three day tour should be no more than £340 (as long as a minimum of fifty students go). This price includes coach travel, shuttle crossing, full board in hotel/hostel accommodation, museum entrance costs, the services of 2 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 and **closing date will be Wednesday 9 October 2019**. If you would like your son to join the trip please could you return the slip at the bottom of the letter, as soon as possible (in electronic format is fine). **Please include passport details etc as requested**. Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The school will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance of payment being applied to your school bill is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred. Please also note that due to the current weakness of the pound to the euro and some instability in exchange rates the cost of the trip could increase (though we will endeavour to ensure this does not happen).

Yours sincerely

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**Trip: Battlefields Trip 2020**

**Date: 15 – 17 April 2020**

NAME OF PUPIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parental Statement**

- By completing this form I agree to my son attending this trip, at the agreed cost of £340. Which will be added to the next School Bill. I also accept that if my son withdraws from the trip at any stage the school cannot guarantee a refund. I also accept that the School reserves the right to send my son home at my expense if he jeopardises his safety, the safety of others or the good name of the School. In addition to this I accept that personal and medical details may need to be passed on to Third Party Providers to facilitate the right care, attention and provision for my son. The school takes its responsibilities with regard to data protection seriously and all personal data is processed in accordance with the school's data protection policies and privacy notices (available here: [www.abingdon.org.uk/data\\_protection](http://www.abingdon.org.uk/data_protection))

### **Medical and Emergency Information**

- The medical details held by the School are up to date: YES/NO\*
  - Any updated medical information follows (please fill in):
- The Contact phone numbers held by the School are up to date: YES/NO\*
  - New Number (please fill in):
- In the event of a parent not being available the following emergency contact should be used:
  - Name (please fill in):
  - Number (please fill in):

### **Passport information**

Name exactly as it appears on passport:

Country of issue:

Passport number:

Issue and expiry date (check if less than 6 months before trip goes)

**Name (and signature if hard copy):**

**Date:**

**Please return to David McGill by: Wednesday 9 October**