



Dear Parents,

### **Year 9+10 Battlefields Trip to Ypres – March 2012**

There has been some confusion surrounding the trip and means in which it will be paid. I must offer my apologies for this; I had made the assumption that the Michaelmas Term invoice came at the end of the term.

I have discussed the matter with the Finance Department and they feel that it would be best to request a non-refundable cheque for £200 as a deposit as soon as possible, with the rest of the remaining balance (of £180) paid during the Lent term. It is hoped that all pupils in Year 9 and 10 will be able to attend; please feel free to discuss this with me however.

The trip is of cultural significance and I feel that all pupils who attend will take a great deal from it. Aside from that, however, the trip is based on academic subjects that all pupils from Years 9 and 10 are currently studying. For Year 9, who are studying the First World War after October Half Term, the opportunity to visit – and experience – the trenches will be invaluable. For Year 10, the trip will provide brilliant preparation for the GCSE Literature with a focus on poetry, particularly from the First World War. We will also have a professional guide with us providing information and insight into the places we will be visiting.

I hope I have been able to clear up some of the queries in regards to the trip. If there is any additional information that you require, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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