



Dear Parents,

Year 9+10 Battlefields Trip to Ypres – March 2012

Key Information

- History and English Trip to Ypres
- 4 Days / 3 Nights
- Price – approx £370pp.
- March 2012 – Friday 9th to Monday 12th
- Initial Payment of £200 during the Michaelmas Term Invoice

I am writing to inform you of a trip which is being planned for the Easter Term next year. The trip is being provisionally booked to run from Friday 9th March to Monday 12th. It will be a joint venture between the subjects of English and History and will incorporate a visit to Agincourt, Ypres and the Somme. The trip will allow pupils to grasp a sense of the changing nature of war from Agincourt to WWI and to appreciate the true nature of the battlefields, allowing them to improve their insight and understanding of the war poetry they will be studying in English. This is not a 'fun' trip, but a fully educational tour. It is our hope that all children in Year 9 and 10 will attend; please let me know if you would like to discuss this further as regards your child. The tie-in with the curriculum in so many areas makes this an enormously worthwhile visit. This aspect of our past has an impact on our national identity and ethos, and the visit provides essential links with the curriculum in English, in History, in Geography and in Religious Studies.

The trip is being run via Galina International Study Tours (found at schooltours.co.uk), a tried and tested company which Mr Williams has experience of in the past. The trip will last 4 days and 3 nights, leaving early on the Friday and returning late Monday evening. We will travel by bus, first being picked up from school, then catching the ferry from Dover. I attach the rough itinerary for the trip given by the tour company but this is subject to change as I will be adapting the trip in places, though the core will stay the same.

The trip is full board, providing all the food requirements over the 4 days. We are provisionally booked into Flanders Compact Lodge, a Best Western Hotel. The hotel is ideally situated to allow access to a variety of locations.

An initial payment of £200 will be taken on the Michaelmas Term invoice, with the balance being paid during the Lent Term invoice.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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