

14 July 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

## YEAR 9 VISIT TO YPRES & THE SOMME, 5-8 July 2012

We are proposing to take the Year 9 History Students away on a 4 day tour to the Battlefields of Ypres and The Somme in France and Belgium.

The visit will be based around the historic events of the First World War and is a truly worthwhile trip for all Yr. 9 History students who will have done an in depth study into the First World War in Year 9. As well as the opportunity to experience at first hand the locations of some of the most momentous events of the First World War, the students will be able to visit the Trench Museum where they will be able to see the underground tunnels which were used as shelters during the war and have now been turned into a World War 1 museum. We will also be taking part in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Although we have attempted to keep costs down to a minimum, we have not neglected safety and our trip will be organised by Rhapsody Tours. We will leave Chauncy at 07.30 hrs on **Thursday 5 July** and travel via Eurotunnel to Ypres where we will visit Hill 62, Essex Farm Field Dressing Station and Bedford House Cemetery followed by free time in the town centre before checking into the Flanders Lodge Hotel in Ypres where students will share quad rooms with en suite facilities. After our evening meal we will walk to the Menin Gate for the Last Post ceremony before returning to our hotel.

After checking out of our hotel following breakfast on **Friday 6 July**, we will visit Passendale Museum, Vancouver Corner, and Langemarck before setting off to Albert – our base for the Somme Battlefields. En route we will visit the Vimy Ridge Memorial, spending time at the visitor centre. We will then drive on to Albert and check into our hotel before having dinner in a local restaurant.

We will spend **Saturday 7 July** visiting the Somme Museum, Thiepval, and The Lochnager Crater before returning to Albert for dinner.

On **Sunday 8 July** we will load the coach and check out from our hotel after breakfast. We will visit some local cemeteries before returning to Calais for the 16.00 hrs Eurotunnel to Folkestone. We will return to Chauncy at approximately 18.00 hrs.

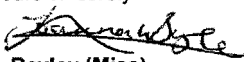
The cost of this visit will be **£280.00** per student, and includes transport, full board hotel accommodation, and entry to museums, but **does not include spending money**. The price is based on 44 students travelling, and places will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Should we not reach the required number of 44 students, the price will significantly increase.

As you know, the school will become an Academy in September, and we will not be collecting payment for this trip before then. Following the oversubscription for the 2011 Ypres/Somme visit, we are asking that you express your interest in the first instance by e-mailing [joanna.bayley@chauncy.org.uk](mailto:joanna.bayley@chauncy.org.uk) upon receipt of this letter. If you are successful in reserving a place we would like you to complete the slip below and return it with a **non-refundable deposit of £80.00 by 6 September 2011** to the Finance Office. You will also be able to pay online **from 6 September**. The remaining **£200.00** must be paid by **25 May 2012**. An interim payment of **£100.00** can be paid by **24 February 2012**, or the balance of **£200.00** can be paid in instalments and the Finance Department will issue a payment card if required. All students will need to have their own valid passport and EHIC card.

We very much hope that you will give permission for your son/daughter to come with us. However, if the cost is too difficult to meet, would you please contact the History Department to see what can be done. All monies are non-refundable.

Further information regarding the standards of behaviour expected in line with the tour company's policy will follow together with details of departure times etc.

Yours sincerely



J. Bayley (Miss)  
Teacher of History

To: Finance Office by 6 September 2011.

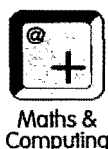
I wish/do not wish my \*son/daughter ..... Form 9 .....  
to visit Ypres and The Somme on 5-8 July 2012

I enclose \*cash/cheque to the value of **£80.00** as non-refundable deposit. (Cheques payable to 'Chauncy School') I understand the balance of **£200** must be paid by **25 May 2012**.

I have paid online

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian Date: .....

\*Delete as appropriate.



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