



29 November 2023

### History Trip September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Year 10 (-11) History Trip to Belgium/France, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

I am writing to you with news of an exciting opportunity that the History Department is offering your child.

The Edexcel History GCSE Curriculum includes the study of the British sector of the Western front, injuries, treatments and the trenches as part of their study of Medicine through time and we are now in a position to offer a trip to Belgium and Northern France in September 2024 to visit sites relating to their area of study.

I have made a provisional booking with WST Travel Group to take the current Year 10 History students for a three-day visit based in Ypres, Belgium. We will visit the main sites of the Ypres region, including the Menin Gate, Passchendaele Memorial Museum, Lochnagar Crater, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Langemark Cemetery, In Flanders Fields Museum, Sanctuary Wood and Croonaert Wood. We will also visit the site of the underground hospital in Arras, Wellington Quarry. This trip would be of benefit, although not essential to all students studying GCSE History.

The trip is expected to **cost £355**, and this will include the price of the tour guides, the coach travel, the Eurotunnel crossing, full board hotel accommodation (In Ieper, Belgium), insurance, and entrance to museums. Students will have to bring food and drink for the outward journey and waterproof clothing in addition to their overnight bags. Students are not expected to wear school uniform. Details of travel times and what students should pack will be confirmed nearer to the date.

All students will require their own individual valid passport, which they will need to bring with them on the day of departure. Students who do not already have a passport can obtain an application form from any main Post Office. Students travelling on a non-EU passport may require a visa to enter Belgium & France, please check this in advance [www.schengenvisainfo.com/who-needs-schengen-visa](http://www.schengenvisainfo.com/who-needs-schengen-visa)

To secure a place for your child on this trip, a non-refundable **deposit of £50** is required, along with the attached permission slip by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. This can be paid on Parent Pay. Once numbers have been confirmed I will issue a payment schedule, however the final amount payable will be due by July 2024. If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium, there may be financial assistance available so please indicate this on the reply slip. Places on this trip are dependant on good behaviour

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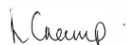
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and a strong commitment to studying, any students not demonstrating this will not be allowed to attend the trip. The highest standard of behaviour will also be expected whilst abroad and representing the school.

If you have any questions about the trip, please email me at [lcrap5.310@parkhighstanmore.org.uk](mailto:lcrap5.310@parkhighstanmore.org.uk)

Yours faithfully



Ms L Cramp  
Assistant Headteacher

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**Reply slip for History Year 10 into 11 History trip to Belgium and France, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Student's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Form class 10\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the History trip to Belgium and France and I have paid a non-refundable deposit of £50 ☐

I give permission for my child to attend the History trip to Belgium and France and I am in receipt of the Pupil Premium ☐

Signed by Parent/Carer: Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_