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Year 10 students

**Mr D Cooper
Principal**

January 2018

Dear Parents

Battlefields Trip

The History Department are planning to take a group of Year 10 (Year 11 at time of trip) students to the **First World War Battlefields in October 2018**. This trip will support the unit of work about First World War medicine. This is a fascinating trip which brings the study of the First World War to life and is taking place in the centenary year of the end of the First World War. As it is the centenary year there may be some extra opportunities and commemorative events taking place.

A brief summary of the trip - full details will follow.

The trip will be run through NST Travel, who provide a very knowledgeable guide for the whole trip. We have worked with the guide before and he significantly enhanced the trip with his enthusiasm and knowledge. Students will visit German, French and British war cemeteries and a variety of war memorials including Thiepval and Vimy Ridge and spend an evening in Ypres to listen to the last post being played at the Menin Gate. They will visit various battlefield sites from the Battle of the Somme and Passchendaele, helping them to visualise the land where battles were fought. They will also be able to walk through reconstructed trench systems and will tour some other museums and significant buildings, eg, Passchendaele Memorial Museum, Talbot House and the Ulster Tower

The students will travel by coach to France. They will stay in the dedicated NST centre, the Chateau d'Eblinghem on the Opal Coast in Northern France in 4 bed (ensuite) rooms. They will be given 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 evening meals in the hostel. 1 evening meal will be in a restaurant in Ypres. The students will also have a boat tour of Bruges and some free time in both Bruges and Ypres.

The dates for the trip will be 19th – 23rd October 2018. Please note there will be a very early start on the first day such as 5am to the school to maximise activities on that day. The cost for the trip will remain at £450. This is the same price as it was in 2016.

If you would like your child to be considered for this trip please complete the reply slip below and return to the finance office by 9th February with the completed consent forms and your deposit of £80. The maximum number of students will be 50. If applications exceed this number then pupils will be selected in a lottery fashion. However, pupils may be prevented from taking part if their behaviour falls below college expectations. You will have your deposit returned if your son/daughter does not get a place on the trip. Payments for the trip will be in a few stages.

If you have any further questions please contact either Mr Christie at the school, or via email.

Yours sincerely


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Head of History

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Reply slip for the Battlefields trip – return to the Finance Office

I am interested in my son /daughter.....going on the Battlefields trip.
I have enclosed a deposit of £80.00 in cash or cheque together with the code of conduct and parental consent forms.
I understand that the total cost of the trip will be £450 (Please make cheques payable to Bassingbourn Village College.) Please return reply slips to the Finance office in an envelope labelled Battlefields trip by no later than **9th February**