BASSINGBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE BATTLEFIELDS TRIP OCTOBER 19TH – 23RD 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Frday 19th October - be at school between 4am and 4.15am for a 4.30am departure.

We are travelling with Galleon Travel. Their tel nos:

Office- 0845 8944747, out of hrs – 07712 324204

School emergency tel no. – 07729588908 (with staff all the time)

We should arrive back at school approx. 1800 (6pm) on Tuesday 23rd October.

Packed lunch and snacks needed on Friday as we do not arrive at our accommodation until 6pm but food can be purchased on the ferry (eg, breakfast)

STAFFING:

Mr Christie (trip leader)

Miss Hields

Miss Veitch

Miss Price

Mrs Lynne

In addition we have an experienced tour guide, Tom Morgan, with us and a ‘buddy’ from our accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

We are staying at the Chateau d'Ebblinghem

(tel 00 33 3 28 44 22 10).

We are staying full board, ie, breakfast, packed lunches and evening meal (except Saturday when we eat in Ypres).

Rooms are ensuite and will have 4 pupils in (one of the girls rooms will have 6 in). Towels are NOT provided.

We have sole occupancy of one wing.

There is a games room with small tuck shop next door.

The Chateau is in 4 hectares of private grounds.

A member of staff from the chateau is on duty at night.

INTINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

Day 1:

Vimy Ridge – memorial, trenches, tunnels (weather permitting)

DAY 2 (IT'S A BUSY ONE!):

Ypres (including chocolate shops!)

'In Flanders Field Museum'

Hill 60

Caterpillar Crater

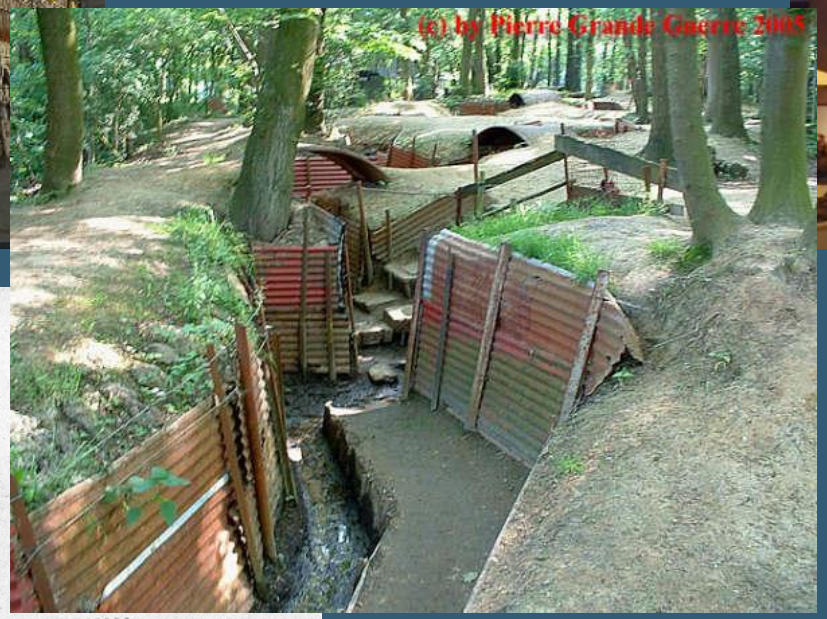
Sanctuary Wood / Hill 62 museum

Tyne Cot Cemetery

Langemark Cemetery

Menin Gate and Last Post Ceremony (approx. 8pm)

Evening meal in MarktCafe Les Halles (approx. 6pm)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Charles Snelling

De kogel die Charles Snelling van het Ierse *Leinster Regiment* op een ijskoude (tot -17° C) 1 februari 1917 in Heuvelland doodde, doorboorde ook alle papieren in zijn lederen portefeuille. Zo raakte een hoek afgescheurd van een nog niet verstuurde *field service postcard* waarop Charles laat weten dat hij het redelijk goed stelt. Op een foto in zijn portefeuille kijkt zijn vrouw Alice bezorgd en is hun dochtertje Nellie al een flink stuk gegroeid ten opzichte van de foto die ze samen lieten maken voor hij dienst nam. Papa zou voortaan echter niet meer in hun midden staan. Private Charles Snelling ligt begraven op *Pond Farm Cemetery* in Wulvergem.

Le 1er février 1917, la balle qui tua Charles Snelling, du *Leinster Regiment* irlandais, par un froid glacial (atteignant -17°C) à Heuvelland, perfora tous les documents qu'il conservait dans son portefeuille en cuir. Elle déchira ainsi un coin d'une *field service postcard* que Charles n'avait pas encore envoyée et sur laquelle il avait écrit qu'il se portait relativement bien. Son portefeuille contenait aussi une photo de sa femme, Alice, le regard inquiet, et de leur fille Nellie, qui avait bien grandi par rapport à la photo sur laquelle ils avaient posé tous ensemble avant son départ pour la guerre. Désormais, papa ne se tiendrait plus jamais entre elles. Le soldat Charles Snelling est enterré au *Pond Farm Cemetery* à Wulvergem.

The bullet that killed Charles Snelling of the Irish Leinster Regiment on the ice cold (-17° C) 1st February 1917 in Heuvelland, also pierced all the papers in his leather wallet. A corner was ripped off an unsent field service postcard on which Charles says he is reasonably well. On a photo in his wallet, his wife Alice looks worried and their daughter Nellie has grown considerably since the picture they had taken together before he enlisted - one of the last times he was with them. Private Charles Snelling is buried in Pond Farm Cemetery in Wulvergem.

Die Kugel, die Charles Snelling vom irischen *Leinster Regiment* an einem eiskalten (bis zu -17° C) 1. Februar 1917 in Heuvelland tötete, durchbohrte auch alle Papiere in seiner Lederbrieftasche. So wurde eine Ecke von einer noch nicht versendeten *Field Service Postcard* abgerissen, auf der Charles mitteilt, dass es ihm relativ gut geht. Auf einem Foto in seiner Brieftasche schaut seine Frau Alice besorgt und ihre Tochter Nellie ist schon ordentlich gewachsen im Vergleich zu dem Foto, das sie gemeinsam machen ließen, bevor er seinen Dienst antrat. Papa sollte künftig jedoch nicht mehr in ihrer Mitte stehen. Der Gefreite Charles Snelling ist am *Pond Farm Cemetery* in Wulvergem begraben.

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MARKTCAFÉ

Mint flavoured cream
Crème met vanille
Crème à la vanille
Vanilla flavoured cream
Karamel en gianduja
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Koffiepraliné
Praliné café
Coffee praliné

Peter De Groote

DAY 3 (THE SOMME):

Notre Dame de Lorette (French National War Cemetary)

Wellington Quarry

Devonshire Cemetery

Lochnagar Crater

Thiepval Memorial and visitor centre

Newfoundland Park

Ulster Tower

Tank Memorial at Pozieres

A NOS GLORIEUX MORTS
DES CHAMPS DE BATAILLE
DE L'ARTOIS ET DES FLANDRES

LA CARRIÈRE WELLINGTON
THE WELLINGTON QUARRY

DAY 4:

Passchendaele Memorial Museum (morning)

Bruges (inc. free time)

Canal trip

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DAY 5:

Talbot House

Cells at Poperinge

Travel home!

Arrive at BVC approx. 1800 (6pm)

KIT:

Weather appropriate clothing, eg, layers and a waterproof jacket

Sensible outdoor shoes and a change for indoors / hostel

Camera, etc (at own risk)

Day bag / rucksack

Towel

Snacks

‘can do’ attitude

EXPECTATIONS:

Pupils will follow instructions

Seatbelts must always be worn

No pupil by the emergency exit on the coach

No speakers on coach – only headphones

Pupils will stay in their own rooms after 10pm

No mixed rooms

Pupils can socialise in the public areas

Staff need to rest to – no pupil noise after 10pm

Pupils must always be in groups no smaller then 3

Phones should be charged

Everyone will have a good time

ANY QUESTIONS?