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World War One Battlefields Study Visit 16th – 18th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very excited to announce that we have secured a booking for a World War One study visit to the Ypres Salient and the Somme Battlefields in France and Belgium during the February half term holidays in 2020. This is a very popular location with school groups, and offers a valuable opportunity for your child to explore the History they experience in the classroom.

The company we will be using are Anglia Tours, who have many years of experience of battlefield visits of this nature. Together with the staff from Outwood Academy Brumby we will have a superb range of staff and guides to look after your child. Their commitment to health and safety is inherent in everything they do, and their knowledge of the battlefields and the medical process used are second to none.

Trips like these are of course, an **optional** but invaluable part of the GCSE study. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially, and I feel certain that the trip to the Ypres Salient and Somme Battlefields will prove to be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

In order to make sure we provide the best experience to all attending, we would like to offer this opportunity to a group of 40 pupils across the current GCSE History cohort in Year 9 and Year 10. This trip will take place from 16 February 2020 to 18 February 2020 at a cost of £330. Although this may seem like a considerable amount, it does offer great value, and the price shown includes:-

- Executive coach travel from school to the Ypres Salient
- Return channel crossing either by Ferry or EuroTunnel.
- 2 night's bed and breakfast accommodation
- Evening meals on Day 1 and Day 2
- Packed lunches on Day 2 and Day 3
- Entry to museums and specialist sites relating to World War One.
- Remembrance service at the Menin Gate
- Poppy laying ceremony at Theipval Memorial to the Missing
- Langemarck German Military Cemetery
- Tyne Cott Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery
- Full insurance for the visit
- Battlefields Trip Hoodie
- Return journey meal voucher worth £10

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A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

In order to secure your child's place on the trip, an initial non-refundable deposit of £80 is required by 12/06/2019. Payment can be made on line via Scopay.com, by cash or cheque made payable to Outwood Academy Brumby. From there on, we would require the following payments by the following dates:

Date of money due	Amount required
04/10/2019	£125
06/12/2019	£125

For information regarding the hardship fund to support students on this trip please visit the website.

If more than 40 students apply to attend then preferences will be given to students based on effort and attendance and those in Year 10 as this will be their only chance to experience such as visit. If this still leaves the trip oversubscribed then students' names will be put into a raffle. Any student unsuccessful following this selection procedure will be given a priority place if another Battlefields visit runs the following year.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that visiting the battlefields is a very strenuous activity with walking across battlefields, cemeteries and trenches often with uneven surfaces and requires a child to be fully active and able to complete the activities set. In addition to this, I would like to remind all those considering this trip, that it is not a holiday but a study visit to enhance their study of the GCSE. Pupils will be exploring historical sites as well as completing work on their visit.

A parents' evening will be held closer to the time of travel, in order that all details can be finalised. In the meantime, if you wish to find out more about the ethos of Anglia Tours, the destination or any safety information, please visit <https://angliatours.co.uk/>. Alternatively, you can contact myself at the school.

In order to secure your child's place on the trip to the Ypres Salient, please complete the attached parental consent form and payment schedule. Please return this with a non-refundable deposit of £80 by 12/06/18. This will need to be handed to our finance office at reception.

Please be aware that there may be another international experience soon.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. A. Thomas FRSA
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