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Dear Parent/Guardian

Key Stage 3 Trip to Belgium: World War One Battlefields - 22nd-23rd February 2024

We are delighted to present an exciting opportunity for your child to embark on a trip to bring History to life. Our upcoming school trip is specifically designed for students in Year 8 and those aiming to take History at GCSE as this will give them real life examples of the topics they will study for GCSE.

This trip promises to be an extraordinary opportunity, offering your child the chance to experience the major sites of the First World War in Belgium as well as the war graves of the many soldiers who lost their lives during the conflict. During the trip students will visit the following sites: Ypres battlefield, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Essex Farm Cemetery and the German Cemetery at Langemark. Students will also be able to witness the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, a truly special moment which the students will remember for a long time. The trip includes an overnight stay at Hotel Munchenhof, Langemark, near to Ypres, in Belgium.

The total cost for this trip will be £209 per student and this includes all travel, travel insurance, the evening meal on Thursday, breakfast and a packed lunch on Friday. Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch on the first day of travel. They may bring spending money to spend on any souvenirs if they wish

Payments should be made on line through ParentPay. You will also need to tick the consent box to provide permission for your child to attend. If you have mislaid your ParentPay log in details please contact the school.

The total cost will be divided into the following payment schedule:

By Friday 22nd September 2023 – Initial deposit of £30.00

It is important that if you are selected to go on the trip that the non-refundable deposit is paid promptly to secure your place.

Final Payment by 11th December 2023 - £179.00 – this payment can be paid on a reducing balance but the total must be met by the deadline.

It is important that the payment schedule is adhered to. The travel company set strict payment deadlines and if these are not met then additional charges may be added to the overall cost. **Therefore, late payment of the deposit or balance could jeopardise the trip.**



There are limited places available, so to ensure that everyone has the chance to go, we will ask you to register your commitment to the trip on ParentPay before payment is requested. Interest must be registered by **Monday 18th September 2023**. If the number of requests outweigh the number of places available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness.

Please note that once places have been confirmed, payments will be non-returnable unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

Students must have a valid passport to be able to attend, this needs to be valid for 6+months before/after the trip.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for The Stonehenge School records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. If your child is either asthmatic or anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

Students must understand that their behaviour around school and in lessons will be taken into account when deciding if they are suitable for the trip, as good behaviour and co-operation is necessary when taking part in a residential trip.

We hope that you will support this exciting opportunity for your son/daughter.

Should you have any queries or questions about signing your son/daughter up, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Miss G Harris
Head of History
The Stonehenge School

