



20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: WW1 Battlefields Study Trip 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Following the success of this year's trip, we are delighted to be able to offer our current Year 8 students an opportunity to visit the WW1 Battlefields in 2017. Although the trip was initially launched prior to the summer holiday, there was a relatively small uptake. Those that have already paid deposits have secured their places and further information will be coming shortly. As we feel that this is an experience that is beneficial in so many ways, we are offering a further opportunity for students that missed the previous deadline. This year's trip proved an invaluable learning experience for the students that were able to go, not only from a historical perspective but also in terms of developing a sense of the wider implications of the conflict, the impact that it had on combatants and its lasting significance. Many of the pupils were also able to visit the grave of a relative, with the guides having undertaken research to locate these and structuring their routes to enable students to make this personal connection to WW1.

We would leave school early in the morning on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, then spend a busy few days examining several sites. The proposed itinerary is –

Day 1 Wed 24 May

Ypres area to include: Hyde Park Corner CWGC: Causes of the Great War, the British Army of 1914, young soldiers; Bayernwald – German trench system: The development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, sickness in the front line; Hill 60: The development of mine warfare, tunnelling companies and mining techniques. Bedford House CWGC: Empire troops, Private Peaceful. In Flanders Fields Museum: Interactive museum showing medical care. The Menin Gate: site of the daily the Last Post ceremony since 1928.

Day 2 Thu 25 May

The Somme including Sunken Lane: Kitchener's Army and the Pals Battalions, recruitment; going over the top 1st July 1916. Newfoundland Park: Preserved trench system; treatment of battlefield wounds, conditions in the trenches, the use of poison gas and its effects; Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce et Decorum Est'; WMD today. Auchonvillers: site of former dressing station & stretcher bearer post; the Royal Army Medical Corps and system of transport; Lochnagar Crater: The use of mine warfare in the Great War; battlefield clearances; Thiepval Memorial to the Missing: A chance for reflection.

Day 3 Fri 26 May

Arras area to include: Carrière Wellington – Guided tour of the underground tunnels; the underground war. Faubourg D'Amiens: Arras Memorial to the Missing. Vimy Ridge: Trench and mine warfare; battlefield walk to view the Douai plain – the Battle of Arras April 1917 – initial successes. Notre Dame de Lorette: French National Memorial and the largest French Great War Cemetery. Basilica of Notre-Dame and ossuaries; Also an opportunity to visit the 'Ring of Remembrance', the new

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international memorial commemorating 579,606 men of all nationalities who fell in Nord-Pas-de-Calais during the Great War which opened on 11th November 2014.

As you can see this incorporates a substantial number of the key sites, with the addition of material specifically planned to aid those students considering studying GCSE History. The cost of the trip will be approximately £300 – although this will depend on the level of interest, as more pupils will mean a lower overall cost.

As spaces available on the trip are limited, we will have to operate on a strictly first come-first served basis, with those paying the deposit of £50 securing their places. This would need to be paid by the **30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.

Please email [etaconsent@bemat.org.uk](mailto:etaconsent@bemat.org.uk) with the following information. Payment can either be made by cash, cheque or via your own online bank using the **Unique Code: QYC plus your child's Internet Payment Code as reference (Bank account number: 79656960 Sort code: 30-99-83)**.

<b>Mr D Corbett</b>	<b>Subject: WW1 Battlefields Study Trip</b>
Child's Name	
Child's Class	
Payment Method (either cash, cheque or online online banking <b>Trip Code: QYC plus your child's code</b> )	

The remaining balance can then be paid in instalments. If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to make contact. For your convenience in doing so, my email address is [dcorbett@bemat.org.uk](mailto:dcorbett@bemat.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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