

Ref: Battlefields Tour 2025

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Dear Parent / Carer

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you with details of our Year 10 GCSE Battlefields Tour.

WHERE: Ypres, Belgium

WHEN: 24<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025

YEAR GROUP: 10

PLACES AVAILABLE: 50

Details of the trip are as follows:

As part of our Paper 1 unit based on Medicine on the Western Front 1914-1918, students will be given the exciting opportunity to access some of the major sites that we discuss in our History classrooms. Indeed, this is a unique opportunity to increase their curiosity and strengthen their understanding of this Unit.

**Please find the itinerary outline of our Tour:**

- Services of an NST Educationalist Guide – we are using this provider
- Visit to Essex Farm Cemetery:
- Visit to Hill 60 & Caterpillar Crater
- Visit to Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
- Visit to Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- Visit to Menin Gate & the Last Post Ceremony
- Visit to Sanctuary Wood Hill 62 Museum
- Visit to Spanbroekmolen Crater
- Visit to Hooze Crater Museum & Trenches

I hope you can agree that this is an exciting package and one that will support their GCSE and learning outside of the classroom. The parent contribution for the Tour includes full board basis, ferry crossings, coach travel and accommodation.

We will supply the final itinerary with further details once your place has been secured on the Tour to the Battlefields. We have provisionally booked the *Ypres Lodge* on a full -board basis for two nights.

Please note, ferry refreshments can be notoriously expensive, but should they wish to bring a small amount of money for this part of the trip to buy food that is up to each individual/ & money for souvenirs. Students will need to have their own current passport.

Your child will be required to bring a valid passport and EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). If you need to apply for an EHIC card please visit [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk). A card is FREE and will take approximately 10 days to be delivered. Be aware that if you search Google for EHIC there are a number of scams which charge for this service - please use the NHS site provided.

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at [daniel.brown@bushfield.co.uk](mailto:daniel.brown@bushfield.co.uk) or [zoe.thomson@bushfield.co.uk](mailto:zoe.thomson@bushfield.co.uk) or by telephoning the Academy.*

*Please be aware that the allocation of a place on any visit is subject to the student behaving appropriately in the Academy.*

Yours faithfully

*Joanne Goodwin*

Head of History and RE