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19 January 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4754 - Optional Trip During Term Time on Friday 17th March 2017**  
**GCSE History WW1 Battlefields Day Trip to Belgium**

The History department is organising a day trip to the battlefields of World War One in order to enrich student understanding of the dramatic events of this first global conflict; particularly poignant on this centenary year. This study trip will take place on Friday, 17th March, 2017. This trip is open to all Year 9 and 10 students who have selected History as a GCSE option. This optional trip has been endorsed by the Edexcel exam board to supplement and enrich students' understanding of medicine on the Western Front.

We will have four expert guides to escort us and students will take part in tours and re-enactments to experience trench life and the hardship that soldiers and medics faced. They will see original parts of the trenches at the Bayernwald trench system and visit sites that will bring the war to life. They will visit the historic towns of Ypres and Passchendaele and visit the famous Hill 60 where the worst gas attacks of the war took place. We will also visit Railway Dugouts Burial Ground to consider the issues of infection, blood loss and trauma, the Memorial Museum of Passchendaele to examine the development of x-rays and Thomas splints and the Lijssenthoek CWGC cemetery exploring battlefield hospitals. They will view the thousands of names who have no grave at the Menin Gate Ceremony. Students will also have the chance to visit the famous chocolate shops of Ypres and will have an evening meal in the historic town centre, before experiencing the Last Post service at the Menin Gate.

We will be travelling via coach, students should meet at school by 05:00am on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 in order to register by 05:10am promptly as we will depart at 05:15am. I anticipate we will return to John Warner at around 00:30am. Please be advised that all students will need to be collected by a parent or carer and **no pupil will be permitted to walk home alone, under any circumstances**. Please note that students will need to bring a packed lunch, and a small amount of spending money is permitted. Students should dress warmly and appropriately for muddy conditions, a spare pair of shoes is advisable for adverse conditions.

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip you are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £119.00 which will cover the cost of this visit **by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**. We must inform you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless parents who are able to pay are willing to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, you are invited to contact the Assistant Head: Director of Finance & Resources.

**Please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website** or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, places will not be confirmed until your payment is received, therefore we recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. You will be liable for all costs incurred by the school up to the point of cancellation.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern. In line with our School Trips Policy, if there is a need to contact your child while they are out of school, please phone Mrs Sally Pringle on 07938 225451 or Mr Oliver Price on 07925019743.

Yours faithfully

**Miss A Barnes**  
Teacher of History

**Mrs S Pringle**  
Assistant Head: Director of Finance &  
Resources

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## Reply Slip

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If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions?  Yes  No

Will this medical condition affect them taking part in the activities?  Yes  No

If yes, please give details including treatment that they currently receive for this/these medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enter any known allergies to drugs, medicines or food and/or special dietary requirements:

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Has your child been immunised against tetanus?  Yes  No

Please provide us with two emergency contact numbers:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For overseas visits only, please confirm that you have included:**

Copy of Passport included  Yes  No

Copy EHIC included  Yes  No

### Declaration

I agree to my child taking part in the above mentioned visit and to their participation in the activities to be undertaken during the day. I support the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is not suffering from any medical condition that makes them unfit to participate in this visit. I agree to my child receiving medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

**Payment Method – £119.00**

<input type="checkbox"/> Wise Pay (via Internet) <sup>1</sup> Preferred payment method	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <sup>2</sup> Cheques payable to The John Warner School	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <sup>2</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance department in the first instance. If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please contact the Finance Department.

<sup>2</sup> If paying by cash or cheque, please put your payment in an envelope which should be labelled with the name of the trip, your child's name, form and the amount enclosed. We would appreciate your cooperation by requesting that your child places the response slip in the trips box, which is located at Student Services.

All outstanding payments must be with the school a minimum of four weeks prior to the start date of the trip unless an earlier payment date is stated on the original letter.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent / Carer**