



24 October 2024
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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

We are delighted to offer students studying Intensive History in Year 9 and Extended History in Year 10 the opportunity to visit the First World War Battlefields to complement their GCSE History studies on Medicine in the First World War.

Over the course of the day students will travel to Ypres in Belgium where they will visit the dressing station used to treat soldiers during the war, visit the “In Flanders Field Museum” to explore soldiers’ experiences during the war and visit the Passchendaele Museum to consolidate their knowledge of trench warfare. There will also be a chance to visit Tyne Cot cemetery situated on the Ypres salient (a key battleground of the First World War) and a Belgium chocolate shop.

DESTINATION: Ypres - Belgium
DATE: Friday 4 July 2025
LEAVING HCC: 5.30am
RETURNING HCC: 9.30pm
TRAVEL BY: Coach and Ferry
CONTRIBUTION: £90.00 (4 instalments)
FOOD/MONEY: £20 - 40 for food and souvenirs. Students can either take as much food as they need for the day or choose to buy food on the ferry. Please note the ferry only accepts debit card payments and food can be expensive. Euros will be needed for any purchases made in Belgium. ***As we have students in the College with severe nut allergies that can lead to life threatening anaphylaxis, we suggest that any food being taken on the trip does not contain nuts or nut-based products.***
CLOTHING: School Uniform should be worn, with trainers
DOCUMENTATION: Valid passport and GHIC card

This is not a compulsory trip but we hope that it will provide students with the opportunity to consolidate the learning that they will have done in the classroom. Consequently, should your child not wish to attend, they will not be disadvantaged.



Distinguished School



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Headteacher: Ms Caroline Barlow B.A. (Hons)

If you would like your child to attend this trip please make an initial deposit payment of £30 by Monday 2 December 2024 via [Arbor](#) /Activities / Trips. The three additional payments of £20 each can be made from today up to and including Wednesday 2 April 2025. If you have any problems making payment please email trips@heathfieldcc.co.uk.

If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals you will receive a 50% discount and the amount on [Arbor](#) has been adjusted to reflect this. Should you wish to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals please click on this link <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/FSM-Information-Letter-23-24.pdf>

Permission for your child to attend this trip is given when you make payment using [Arbor](#). Please see notes below*.

If you have any queries regarding this event/trip please do not hesitate to contact me by email at esmith@heathfieldcc.co.uk or telephone 01435 866066 Ext 1256.

Yours sincerely



MISS E SMITH
Curriculum Leader History

**The College has adopted the ESCC policy on the safe running of educational visits.

Permission Declaration

I agree to my child receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

I give consent for the medical and emergency contact information provided to be used for the purpose of effective planning of school trips. In some circumstances the data will be shared with ESCC, for the purpose of approving visits and also any external providers involved in the organization and delivery of the visit. The data will be held until your child is 25 years old, in accordance with our retention schedule. For more information about your rights, please contact the school's Data Protection Officer.

I agree to impress upon them the necessity to behave responsibly and to help the leaders to ensure the safety of everyone on the trip.

I give permission for photographs/video to be taken of my child at this event to be used for display purposes at the College. This may include (but is not limited to) the images being used on the College website, social media, newsletter and in the local press. If you do not give permission, please inform the trip leader prior to the event.

In the case of an emergency we will use the contact details and medical information which you have previously given to the College which is held on our pupil data base. If you wish to update this information please contact the College office, office@heathfieldcc.co.uk or telephone 01435 866066.

If you wish to register different contact details for the day of the trip only, please contact the trip organiser whose name is on the bottom of this letter.

As with all college trips and events, the health, safety and welfare of all students and staff is paramount. Therefore, as stated in our trips policy, *it may be acceptable to exclude someone from an activity or visit if their potential behaviour presents a significant, unmanageable and unacceptable risk.* Any decisions that are made will be communicated prior to the trip.

Data Protection Act & GDPR

For more information about your rights, please see our privacy notices found on the college website at http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=1595711. You may withdraw your consent at any time by emailing the trip leader. Please be aware that if you do so, we cannot allow participation on the trip to proceed