



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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8th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

WORLD WAR ONE BATTLEFIELDS TRIP, 6th – 9th July 2020

In connection with your child's studies in History in Year 9, we are planning a trip to the Western Front Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme between **6th and 9th July 2020**. This is a residential trip and will involve three nights stay in Belgium. This should prove a very valuable trip, both educationally and as a moving experience in reaching a greater understanding of human suffering in time of war. Attendance on the trip will allow students to prepare for their study of the First World War, which they will begin in History lessons at the start of Year 9.

The trip will cost in the region of £300, with the final figure decided once definite numbers are confirmed. At the moment, all that is required is a **deposit of £60 to secure a place**. Deposits are unfortunately non-refundable as the travel company will not reimburse these.

If you would like your child to go on this trip please pay this £60 deposit via ParentPay. Payments must be made no later than **Friday 19th July**. The attached tear off slip also needs to be **returned by this date**.

The remaining balance will be payable early in the Spring Term (January-April 2020). I will advise you of the precise dates for payment and the remaining balance nearer the time. The cost of the trip includes accommodation, travel, entry to all sites of interest and all meals.

We can take a maximum of 88 students, so we may not be able to take everyone who wishes to participate. Any student who is unsuccessful will be put on a waiting list and will have their deposit returned. Please return the reply slip and pay the deposit as soon as possible in order to secure your child a place.

If your child is allocated a place on the trip then you should ensure that they have a full valid passport, which has a **minimum of six months** left on it at the time of travel. **If you require any additional entry visa/documentation to enable travel through Belgium or France then it is your responsibility to make certain that this is in place before we depart.** Any student not in possession of a valid passport, European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and any necessary paperwork at the time of travel will not be permitted to go on the trip and we cannot guarantee the return of any monies paid if this occurs.

I hope you will feel able to assist your child in taking part in this visit. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me via my school email – efield8.302@smsj.london.

Yours sincerely,

E. Field
Head of Humanities and Trip Leader

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Junior Phase, Bennett House Campus, Sunningfields Road, Hendon, NW4 4QR
Senior Phase, Stamford Raffles Campus, Downage, Hendon, NW4 1AB



REPLY SLIP – to be returned to Bennett House Reception by Friday 19th July 2019

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I would like my son/daughter to take part in the trip to the Western Front Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme between **6th and 9th July 2020**.

I understand that my child needs to provide a valid passport and an EHIC (please tick)

I have made the deposit payment of £60 using ParentPay (please tick)

Child's Name: _____ PAM _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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