



St Edward's School

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3rd October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that St Edward's School will be offering a History trip to the Battlefields of World War One, visiting Belgium and France. This visit is from Thursday 11th July to Saturday 13th July 2024. The trip is open to history students currently in year 10 and the cost is £377.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of the impacts of war and enhance their understanding of the GCSE conflict and tension paper. Students will visit a variety of sites connected with the First World War, witnessing first-hand the scale of the conflict as well as visit the battlefields that we study as part of their GCSE. There will be opportunities to get to know staff and students better and build lasting friendships, as well as explore two countries. A sample itinerary is below:

Day One

Visit to Belgium, including:

- Lijssenthoek
- Tyne Cot
- Langemark
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele, including reconstructed trenches

Accommodation in Ypres, Belgium

Day Two

Visit to France, including:

- Sheffield Memorial Park
- Sunken Lane at Auchonvillers
- Newfoundland Memorial Park
- Lochnagar crater
- Theipval memorial

Evening in Ypres, including visits to the chocolate shop and attending the last post ceremony.

Day 3

Visit to Belgium and France, including:

- Hill 62
- Vimy Ridge
- Carriere Wellington tunnels, Arras
- L'Anneau de la mémoire

Channel crossing and return coach travel to school

Places are limited to 40 students. If you wish your son/daughter to take a place on this visit, please fill out the form on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/pfTFJr6WPS> by 9am on Monday 9th October. After this date, if there are more applicants than places, we will conduct a ballot to see who gets a place. We will then send a letter stating whether your child has been successful. If successful, we will require a deposit to be paid by 9am on Friday 13th October. If this deadline is not met, then the place will be re-balloted with students from the reserve list.

I am aware that due to the current climate trips have increased in costing and thus we have set an instalment plan out below to try and give as much time as possible for you to make payments. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, there may be financial support for this trip. Please contact myself on akelley@st-edward.poole.sch.uk for more information. Please note that all students travelling will need a valid passport to travel to Europe.

The cost includes all return travel via coach to France and Belgium, two nights of accommodation at The Peace Village, in Ypres, full board meals, all excursions and entrance to the museums and travel insurance. The only additional cost will be any pocket money you wish your child to have for any extras throughout their visit to the battlefields.



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Payment plans are as follows. Alternatively, you can make the payment in full on Wisepay when your child's place is confirmed.

	Payment due date	Amount		Payment due date	Amount
1	Deposit deadline Friday 13 th October 2023	£50	4	Thursday 1 st February 2024	£84
2	Wednesday 1 st November 2023	£25	5	Friday 1 st March 2024	£84
3	Friday 1 st December 2024	£50	6	Tuesday 2 nd April 2024	£84

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information. Nearer the time, we will hold an information evening which will include the itinerary and what you may need for the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Alex Kelley

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