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15 January 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4076 - Optional Trip During Term Time to WW1 Battlefields Day Trip to Belgium  
On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Year 9 (Named Students Only)**

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, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This trip is open to all Year 9 students who have selected History as a GCSE option. The trip has been designed around the new Edexcel GCSE and will provide students with a great opportunity to experience first-hand the various challenges of medicine on the Western Front.

We will have two 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 please meet at school by 05.15 on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in order to register by 05.30 promptly as we will depart at 05.45. I anticipate we will return to The John Warner School at around 23.45 on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please be advised that all students will need to be collected by a parent or carer and **no student 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 appropriately for potentially muddy conditions, although the history department will notify students as to the conditions of weather closer to the time, a spare pair of shoes is advisable for adverse conditions.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this optional trip you are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £25.00 being a non-refundable deposit by **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, and one further payment of £98.00 by **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip, [please follow this link to complete the consent and payment form](#) (*website: Home/Parents/Forms*) 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; we therefore

recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. Once a place is confirmed, 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 G Knights**  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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** – £25.00 non-refundable deposit

- Wise Pay (via Internet)** Preferred payment method. If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance Department in the first instance.
- Debit or Credit Card.** If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please call the school 01992 462889 and ask to be transferred to the Finance Department.
- Cheque.** If paying by cheque, please ask your child to hand payments directly to the finance office. Cheques should be made payable to The John Warner School.
- Cash.** If paying by cash, we request that a parent/carer deposits the money personally at the school office during working hours and obtains a receipt. Cash will no longer be accepted from Students

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