



The Royal School

Wolverhampton

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 and 10 History Battlefield Study Visit to Belgium and France (5th – 7th June)

We are delighted to offer Year 9 and 10 History students the opportunity to take part in an exciting and educational Battlefields Study Visit to Belgium and France, focusing on medicine and treatment of casualties during the First World War.

This unique three-day experience will bring classroom learning to life by allowing students to explore the battlefields of the Western Front, visit world-famous memorials and cemeteries, handle genuine First World War artefacts, and investigate how medical treatment developed during the conflict.

Some of the many experiences students will enjoy include:

- Hooze Crater Museum and reconstructed trenches
- Bayonet fencing activity using certified safety equipment
- Gas mask and battlefield medicine role-play activities
- Essex Farm Cemetery and the story behind *In Flanders Fields*
- Pond Farm Museum and the replica First World War tank *DAMON II*
- Langemark German Cemetery
- Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial
- Thiepval Memorial on the Somme
- Beaumont Hamel and Sunken Lane
- Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial and preserved tunnels
- Participation in the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony
- Visit to Leonidas Chocolate Shop in Ypres for souvenirs



Trip Provider

The visit will be organised and delivered by **Zeitgeist Tours**, one of the UK's leading battlefield education providers. Students will be accompanied throughout the trip by specialist educators and living historians who will help bring the experiences of soldiers and medical personnel to life.

Accommodation

Students will stay in two secure, well-established hostels:

- **Salient 1 Hostel, Ypres** (1 night) 5th June
- **Poppies Hostel, Albert** (1 night) 6th June

Both hostels offer:

- Secure entry systems
- Overnight supervision and night security
- Single-sex rooms
- Games and social areas
- Free Wi-Fi

Travel and Meals

The tour includes:

- Executive coach travel throughout
- Return Channel crossings via Dover-Calais
- Breakfast on the outward ferry journey
- Evening meal on the return ferry journey
- Full-board accommodation throughout the visit
- Breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals each day
- Comprehensive group travel insurance

Cost

The total cost of the trip is:

£620.55 per student

This includes all travel, accommodation, meals, insurance, educational activities, entrance fees and a personal copy of the **Zeitgeist Medical Companion**.

Payments will be available via **School Gateway** and should be made according to the following schedule:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Non-refundable deposit	£200.00	10 October
Second instalment	£200.00	1 December
Final instalment	£220.55	1 March

Please note that the **initial £200 deposit is non-refundable** and is required to secure your child's place on the trip.

Registering Interest

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like your child to take part in this exceptional opportunity, please ensure the non-refundable deposit is paid by **10 October** via School Gateway.

If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact the History Department.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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