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Dear Parent / Carer

HISTORY TRIP - YPRES AND THE SOMME 23-25 MAY 2020

We are planning a trip for Year 9 and Year 10 History students to Ypres and The Somme. The trip will run from 23-25 May 2020.

This trip is designed to support students' learning for their GCSE History course, enabling them to experience the places and get a real sense of the significance of the events they have studied. This will also enhance and supplement their education in terms of their moral, cultural and social development.

The price of the proposed tour is £305. Please note that this price is based on 45 students attending and could increase by as much as 20% if fewer students apply for a place. If your child would like to go, please complete the Parental Consent form (attached) and return it to the Payment Box, during break or lunch time only, by Wednesday 23 October 2019. Once all forms are in, if we have more interest than places available, allocation will be made by random selection of unidentifiable entries to ensure fairness. We are required to strictly monitor our numbers and gender split in order that we do not incur supplementary costs with regard to under occupancy of rooms.

If your child gains a place on the trip, you will be notified and a payment item will then be generated in ParentMail. An initial deposit amount of £80 will need to be paid by Monday 4 Nov 2019, in order to secure their place. The remaining balance will then need to be paid, also via ParentMail, according to the schedule set out below. Should you have any issues accessing this site, please email Mrs Newall on gnewall@buckinghamschool.org.

The cost of the trip will include:

- Coach journey for the duration of the trip
- Eurotunnel crossing
- 2 nights full board hostel accommodation
- Entrance to In Flanders Field Museum
- Entrance to Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- Guild of Battlefields tour guide for the duration of the trip

In addition, we will be visiting the following sites free of charge:

- The Menin Gate for the Last Post Ceremony
- Langemark Cemetery
- Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Thiepval Memorial

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It is understood that by paying the £80 deposit, all conditions of the booking, as laid out in the attached Parental Consent Form, are accepted and one such condition is that deposits are non-refundable, under any circumstances, once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed.

Please note that a copy of your child's passport must be with Miss Buck by Friday 7 February 2020. In the event of a 'no-deal Brexit', this passport must be valid for 6 months after the date of travel.

Below is the payment schedule and should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Payment due by:

4 November 2019	£80	Deposit to secure a place
21 November 2019	£50	
21 December 2019	£50	
21 January 2020	£50	
21 February 2020	£75	Final Balance

Yours faithfully

Miss R Buck
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