



Dear Parent/Carer

26 September 2017

France and Belgium Day Trip

Your son/daughter is currently studying GCSE History in Year 10/11. The new GCSE History specification requires students to undertake a study of a 'Historic Environment'. In our case, that historic environment will be the British Sector of the Western Front focusing on surgery and treatment. In order to fully facilitate this, we plan to take Year 10 students on a day trip to France and Belgium to see first-hand the route taken by First World War casualties. We will be accompanied by two experienced guides from Anglia Battlefield Tours.

The coach will depart from the school at **5.30am prompt** and return at 9.00pm. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them and there will be opportunities for students to purchase food for their evening meal later in the day.

Whilst this visit is not a compulsory part of the GCSE, we do think that it will play a crucial role in consolidating student understanding of the topic. The visit will take place on **Thursday 15 March 2018**. The cost of the trip will be **£90**. A deposit of **£25** is payable by **Wednesday 4 October**. The remaining **£65** will need to be paid by **Friday 26 January**.

In order for this visit to take place, we request a voluntary contribution of **£90** to cover the costs. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions.

If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in this activity, please return the parental consent form to the Finance Office, along with the deposit of **£25 (or full payment of £90)** by **Wednesday 4 October**. Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office, alternatively on line via Scopay. **(Please be aware if you are paying by Scopay you will still need to return the parental consent form).**

Please note all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

If you are, at present, experiencing financial difficulties and require assistance towards the cost of the trip, please make a written request to Mr Hunter, Headteacher, by **Monday 2 October**.

Spaces on this trip are limited, in the case of oversubscription, the trip will be offered on a first come first served basis.

We will apply for students to travel on a group passport, students must be a British national and will need to provide the Finance Office with a named passport size photograph (only official passport photos can be accepted). **These forms will follow in a separate letter once the trip has been confirmed.**

Students that are currently **non UK citizens or non British nationals** will need to travel on their own passports.

Should you have any further questions about this trip or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on: sara.grierson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Ms Sara Grierson
Deputy Headteacher