



April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Battlefields of France and Belgium – October 2017

As you are aware your child is currently studying History in Year 8. As part of their studies they will be focusing on aspects of war, which includes the First World War. In order to increase their knowledge and interest of History the department is organising a trip for 40 Hamble students to participate in a two day visit to the battlefields of France and Belgium from 21 October to 22nd October 2017. This will allow them to see the places we have talked about in lessons and the project work that they have completed.

The visit will last two days and will cost £200. This includes travel to various sites, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees to museums and high quality study material.

Initially we would try to take students who have opted for GCSE History but it is not the determining factor. If the trip is oversubscribed a lottery system will be involved.

Names of students will be circulated around members of staff regarding behaviour in school as we reserve the right not to take a student on the trip if behaviour in school, or on a previous trip, has not been satisfactory. The initial acceptance of a student place is conditional. If more than the maximum numbers of pupils apply for the trip, a reserve list will operate.

As I am sure you can appreciate the safety and behaviour of the students is absolutely paramount for this visit to be a successful, safe and memorable trip. For this the school does insist that parents / carers and students sign a code of conduct. This will entail students understanding our expectations to ensure the safety of the whole party. A code of conduct will be issued during the parent/ carers briefing nearer the time to departure

If you wish your child to be considered for this educational visit please would you sign and return the form attached with a **£50 deposit** by **28 April 2017** to the Finance Office. Payments can be made by cash or by cheque payable to The Hamble School (*payments can be made online, please contact the school before 26 April to request this*). Please note that once the deposit has been paid to the travel company, Select School Travel, it will be non-refundable unless for a documented medical reason.

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A receipt will be issued by the Finance Office with confirmation of payment. A letter will confirm whether or not your child has been successful in their application. Unsuccessful applications can remain on a reserve list or be refunded.

Further details as regards itinerary, insurance and further payments will be available once they have been confirmed with the travel company organising the visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

N Wood (Mr)

Subject Leader, History

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*Please submit to the Finance Office by **Friday 28 April 2017***

Student: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I would like my child to attend the Battlefields Trip – October 2017

I have enclosed a cheque / cash deposit of £50

** Delete as appropriate*

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.