

14 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Battlefields Visit 2024 – Year 7

Next year in Year 8 History your child will focus on aspects of war, which includes the First World War. In order to increase their knowledge and interest the History department is organising a visit for 40 students to participate in a two-day visit to the battlefields of France and Belgium

This trip will take place between **Friday 1 March to Saturday 2 March 2024**. This visit will enable your child to see symbolic and significant places we have discussed in lessons and explored in the project work that they have completed.

Departure is approximate at the moment, however, following previous years the departure would be planned for around **2.00am** on **Friday 1 March 2024**. Students will travel by coach for the duration of the visit. We will return to school at approximately **10.00pm** on **Saturday 2 March 2024**. We ask that parents are flexible with this return time given the nature of the visit and unexpected traffic on the return.

The visit will cost **£199** The cost of this visit will not exceed this amount and may decrease depending on exact numbers of students and itinerary. This price includes travel to various sites by coach and Eurotunnel (Tyne Cot Cemetery, Langemark German Cemetery, Flanders Field Museum, attending the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Somme, Vimy Ridge and Lochnagar Crater), accommodation, an evening meal on Friday 1 March, breakfast and lunch on Saturday 2 March, as well as entrance fees to museums. Students are expected to wear weather-appropriate non-school uniform during the trip. Your child will also need an up-to-date passport.

If you wish for your child to be considered for this visit, please submit a **£50.00** deposit to the Finance Office using our online payment system ScoPay. By agreeing to your child taking part and returning a deposit, you are committing yourself to full payment of the trip. All deposits must be received by **Friday 8 September**. If more students apply than places, students will be randomly selected. A second deposit of **£80.00** is to be paid by **Thursday 19 October 2023**. The final balance for this visit is expected to be cleared by **Thursday 30 November 2023**. Please note that once the school has made a formal deposit to the travel company, Select School Travel, it will be non-refundable. If more than the maximum number of students apply for the trip, a reserve list will operate.

Names of students applying to attend the visit will be circulated to all members of staff. Staff will be invited to provide feedback regarding behaviour in school; 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.

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

If you wish to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Mrs L Griffiths via general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L. Griffiths
History Teacher

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.