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21st April 2017

Dear Parent/ Carer

**World War One Battlefields in the Somme and Ypres
Friday 6th October and Saturday 7th October 2017**

The History Department is organising a trip to the World War One Battlefields in the Somme and Ypres, between **Friday 6th October and Saturday 7th October 2017**.

The causes, course and consequences of the First World War is a key topic in our History curriculum at all Key Stages. As 2014-8 marks the centenary anniversary of the conflict, our trip will be a poignant, informative and emotionally immersive experience. Pupils will be given a unique opportunity to engage directly with a conflict which, costing the lives of millions, remains a seminal moment in our national history.

The cost of the trip is £164. This price includes:

- Coach travel, Eurotunnel crossing and hotel accommodation, on a half board basis;
- Entrance to the In Flanders Fields Museum, Tyne Cot Cemetery, the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Saint George's Church Memorial, and the Langemark Cemetery;
- A 4 hour walking tour of Ypres, and the surrounding areas, with a local experienced guide;
- Group travel insurance.

The price does not include:

- Spending money for students during their visit;
- Lunch on either the Friday or Saturday of the trip. Students should bring a packed lunch on the first day, and will have the opportunity to purchase lunch in the picturesque market square of Ypres on the second day.

Students are welcome to bring additional money for discretionary spending during visits to museums and Ypres.

Should all the places on the coach be filled, the cost of the trip will reduce to £134, with the difference being refunded to you on your ParentPay account.

This trip will be open to all students who will be in Years 8-13 for the academic year of 2017/8. Current Year 7/8 students would be welcomed and encouraged to attend, particularly if they are interested in taking History at GCSE. Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent on a pupil's behaviour and attitude towards learning throughout all subjects at the Academy.

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We appreciate that this trip is costly, and have worked hard to ensure that it offers value for money. Likewise, we have deliberately broken down the payment of the trip into more manageable payments.

The payment schedule will be as follows:

Payment 1 by Monday 15th May: A **non-refundable** £80 deposit, to be paid through ParentPay.

Payment 2 by Monday 10th July: A **non-refundable** secondary payment of £87 deposit, to be paid through ParentPay.

The deadline for the completed consent form and the first non-refundable deposit is Monday 15th May.

Every student will require an individual UK or EU passport, with validity until April 2018 at the minimum, in order to attend the trip. Students must bring a copy of their valid passport with their completed consent form and first deposit. This will then be photocopied, with the photocopy held on record, and the original passport returned to the student.

We hope your son/ daughter will be able to join us on what we hope will be an educationally enriching and enjoyable trip.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ben Russell
16-19 Director, Coloma Trust
Assistant Principal

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Please return to Mr Russell by Monday 15th May

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I confirm permission that (Students name) will be attending and enclose passport for photocopying.

I understand, if the trip goes ahead, that both payments will be **non-refundable**.

Signed:
(Parent/ Carer)

Dated:

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