



JC/JBW/7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 8 History Field Visit to the First World War Battlefields  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

After the success of last year's Year 8 History field visit to the battlefields, the History department are again preparing to take the whole year group to Ypres in Belgium and the Somme area of northern France to study the First World War. The final day of the tour will focus on the battles which took place around Arras, including a visit to Vimy Ridge.

The visit will last three days (two nights) and is organised by Anglia Tours with whom we have successfully travelled on several previous occasions. We will stay in hotels/youths centres in Ypres. The travel company provides excellent battlefield guides – they are ex-soldiers who really know their stuff! In the past the boys have found the 1<sup>st</sup> World War battle site visits both fascinating and very moving.

The provisional programme for the field visit is as follows:

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- depart school 07:00</li><li>- shuttle 09:50</li><li>- arrive France 11:30 (local time)</li><li>- arrive Ypres area 12:45</li><li>- visits in Ypres area</li><li>- depart for Ypres &amp; evening meal 18:00</li><li>- Last Post at Menin Gate 20:00</li><li>- arrive at accommodation 20:15</li></ul> |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- depart from accommodation 08:30</li><li>- arrive Somme (visits in the Somme area) 10:30</li><li>- depart for accommodation 17:00</li><li>- arrive at accommodation 20:30</li></ul>  |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- depart from accommodation 08:30</li><li>- arrive Arras (visits in the Arras area) 09:00</li><li>- depart Arras for Calais 13:00</li><li>- inbound shuttle 17:00</li><li>- arrive at school 19:00</li></ul>  |

The cost of the field visit will be **£300**. This will cover travel, accommodation and food, insurance cover, entrance to museums and work booklets. You will appreciate that the cost quoted is based on maximising the number of pupils involved to reduce the amount per head. Unfortunately, as other sources of funding are not available, if we do not receive confirmation of participation from enough parents/carers we may be forced to cancel the visit. I would be grateful if you could kindly return the attached slip by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** and make pay **£75** (a non-refundable deposit). The final balance for the trip of **£225** will be required by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**.

Payment should be made via our on-line system (sQuid). Should you experience any problems with the on-line system, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department by email, [financeoffice@saintolaves.net](mailto:financeoffice@saintolaves.net) and they will assist with your query.

*Please note that the boys must have their own passports.* (Make sure you apply for your son's passport well before departure date!) Also note that if your son does not have a British passport or other EU country passport he will not have to get a visa for France/Belgium provided that: (a) he is legally resident in the UK (the passport should contain a stamp from the Immigration Directorate confirming this); (b) he is in possession of a valid travel document (for example a passport of a non-EU country). Please indicate on the slip attached if your son holds a non-EU passport.

Please ensure your son has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) – this entitles him to free health care in France and is invaluable in case of an accident. (If you don't have an EHIC for your son, a form is available from the Post Office or [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk) or telephone (0845 606 2030).

Should you find yourself in financial difficulties, please apply to the Headteacher in writing with your application for support towards the chargeable costs. This will be considered in strict confidence.

If you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me either on the school telephone number, or preferably by e-mail ([jclift@saintolaves.net](mailto:jclift@saintolaves.net)). Further details of the field visit, including an opportunity for parents and boys to be briefed in early May 2019 by a representative from Anglia Tours, will follow during the academic year.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Clift  
Head of History

To: St. Olave's Grammar School

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Pupil's name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_  
(Block capitals please)

I would like my son to go on the History field visit and I have made payment via sQuid for the non-refundable deposit.

I do not wish my son to go on the History field visit.

My son holds a non-EU passport.

Please make payment via sQuid and return the reply slip to your son's History teacher by Friday, 30th November 2018

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer Date \_\_\_\_\_