

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you of an exciting educational opportunity for our Year 8 students in 2026: a Battlefields Trip to Belgium, taking place from Friday 26th June to Saturday 27th June 2026. This trip will provide students with a powerful and meaningful insight into the events of the First World War and the significant sites of the Ypres Salient.

During the visit, students will take part in a fully guided experience, which will include:

- One night's bed and breakfast accommodation
- Entrance to the Passchendaele 1917 Memorial Museum
- Visit to Bayernwald German Trenches
- Attendance at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate
- Visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Exploration of the battlefield around Hill 60
- Time to explore the historic town of Ypres, including its famous chocolate shops

This immersive experience is designed to support students' historical understanding while offering a deeply reflective and memorable learning opportunity.

The total cost of the trip is £300 per student.

### **Important Booking and Payment Information**

The trip will go live on ParentPay on Monday 12th January 2026 at approximately 3:00pm.

A £60 non-refundable deposit must be paid by Monday 19th January 2026.

Places will only be confirmed once the deposit has been received.

**Due to the limited number of spaces, we strongly encourage parents to pay the deposit as soon as possible once the trip becomes available, to avoid disappointment.**

Further details regarding payment schedules, travel arrangements and key information will be shared closer to the time.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Keast, who will be happy to help.

We very much hope that your child will be able to take part in this unique and valuable experience.

Mr Keast

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