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Dear Parent/Carer

The History Department is pleased to announce we will be running a trip to Ypres, in Belgium from 12 -13 November 2019. This trip is open to any current Year 8 pupil who has an interest in WW1 and will enhance our studies in class. The trip will allow pupils to visit various sites linked to WW1 including Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is the world's largest Commonwealth war cemetery containing the graves of 11,962 men. Pupils will also be able to visit the 'Passchendaele Memorial museum at Zonnebeke' which is a modern museum packed with interactive exhibits, and includes a fully restored trench system complete with deep underground dugouts.

Pupils will leave school early on Tuesday 12 November and travel via Eurotunnel to Belgium with Galloway Coach Tours. Accommodation will be provided by the CJT De Lep Youth Hostel. The Youth Hostel is well equipped and purpose built for school parties. Pupils will experience a packed itinerary in and around Ypres and will return to school in the evening on Wednesday 13 November.

The cost of the trip will be between £137.00 and £145.00 dependent on the number of pupils who wish to go. The cost of the trip covers all travel, entry fees and food in the Hostel. Pupils will need to be provided with a packed lunch for Thursday and some spending money. Pupils will need their own valid passport and an EHIC.

Unfortunately, we are not able to take the whole year group due to the capacity of the Hostel and coach availability and so places will be allocated via a ballot with a waiting list if needed. Due to the nature of the trip, it is vital that pupils can be relied upon to display respectful behaviour throughout and pupils with a disappointing behaviour record may not be given a place. If you wish to apply for a place on the trip the reply slip needs to be returned directly to me or Miss Scott by 28 January. The ballot will take place on 29 January and the results will be emailed out. Successful applicants will then be required to pay a £30 deposit to secure their place by 11 February.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the trip please complete and return the attached form. If your child is on the Pupil Premium register, funding may be available to help towards the cost. Please contact Ms C Sterland at the Academy.

For further details about the trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A Perrins (Mrs)
History Department

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To: History Department, The Ramsey Academy, Halstead

Student Name

Tutor Group

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Ypres and would like them to be considered for a place.

Signed

Date

(Parent/Carer)