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Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from previous successful visits, we are again this year, planning our annual trip to the Battlefields and Trenches of World War I.

Working with Belvidere School, we plan to take a joint trip of our Year 9 students to see some of the famous battlefields, trenches, cemeteries and memorials all related to the First World War.

We shall leave on Thursday 12th March 2020 and return in the early hours of the morning on Sunday 15th March 2020.

The main focus of this educational visit is to enhance and broaden each student's depth of knowledge and awareness of the events of World War 1, with this in mind we have devised an itinerary centred on providing a range of visits that will challenge the students' perceptions of war. This will hopefully create a fulfilling and rewarding experience, as well as allowing them to witness the places associated with World War 1 first hand.

We shall concentrate our studies around two key areas; firstly Ypres in Belgium, visiting a range of museums, cemeteries and trench reconstructions as well as experiencing the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate – a British Memorial to the missing. The second day concentrates on the Somme area of Northern France looking at some of the sites including the imposing Lochnagar crater at La Boiselle.

The total cost of the tour is £275.00. This price includes the following:

- Travel by executive coach from Shrewsbury and return.
- Ferry crossings to and from France and transport around the area.
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance.
- A range of education materials including an individual diary for each student.
- Two nights' accommodation in a purpose built centre run by the leading educational travel company, NST.
- Evening meal at the centre on Thursday, breakfast, lunch and evening meal in a restaurant on Friday followed by breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
- Entrance fees to some of the following places:
 - 1) The original trenches of Hill 62 just outside Ypres
 - 2) Entrance to 'In Flanders Field' exhibition, a multimedia interactive exhibition about World War 1.
 - 3) A visit to Passchendaele Museum.
 - 4) A visit to Vimy Ridge.
 - 5) Visits to British, German, French and Canadian War cemeteries.
 - 6) Taking part in The Last Post Ceremony held each evening at the Menin Gate in Ypres. Students will also lay a wreath here.
 - 7) A visit to the Lochnagar Crater at La Boiselle. Students will lay a wreath here.
 - 8) A visit to the Thiepval Memorial.

As well as the historical visits we also arrange for students to spend time at the accommodation centre which is equipped with a games room, a floodlit football pitch and comfortable, safe bedrooms in which students can relax.

We also give the students the opportunity to explore the historical town of Ypres and enjoy some of the delicious Belgian waffles and chocolates on offer there!

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this interesting visit please complete the attached form and enclose a deposit payment of £105.00 by Monday 21st October 2019. Please see below the payment schedule for the remaining balance:

15 th November 2019	Second payment	£65.00
10 th January 2020	Third payment	£55.00
14 th February 2020	Final payment	£50.00

Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

E Weston

G Davies

P Salmon

Miss E Weston
Teacher of History

Mr G Davies
Assistant Headteacher

Mr P Salmon
School Business Manager

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**World War 1 Battlefields Trip
12th March to 15th March, 2020**

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Receipts	£	Date	Signed
Cheque			
Cash			

Name of Student:Form:

- I would like my son/daughter to be take part in the World War 1 Battlefields Trip in March 2020
- I enclose a deposit of £105.00 cash/cheque. *(Cheques should be made payable to "Mary Webb School" - please write your child's name and form on the back of the cheque).*
- I confirm that my son/daughter has/will have a valid passport which covers the duration of the trip.
- I agree to authorise any member of staff during the course of this activity to approve such medical treatment for my son/daughter as is deemed necessary in an emergency or upon the advice of a qualified medical practitioner, in the event that I cannot be contacted.

Name of Parent/Carer: Signed:

Dated:

Please return slip to the School Office by Monday 21st October 2019 (EW / PR)