



July 2026

Dear Parents,

WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELDS TRIP (Current Year 8)

The History Department is intending to run our highly popular 2-day battlefields tour again. The date will be **Thursday 24th – Friday 25th June 2027**. We pack an enormous amount into the 2 days, visiting the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres, cemeteries for the Commonwealth and Germany, the museum at Passchendaele, trench systems and the opportunity to attend the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. This is always a hugely popular trip and an incredibly moving experience as well as being wholesome fun. It also needs to be said that it is a demanding trip; a genuine enthusiasm for History and an ability to listen are necessary and, of course, the promise of excellent behaviour.

The likely cost will be around **£330** and a **deposit of £100** must be paid on parent pay by **Monday August 31st** to apply for one of these places. Once numbers have been finalised a payment schedule will be released which must be adhered to or students may lose their place. Receipt of the **£100** deposit is a commitment to the trip and shows parental consent. This will only be refunded if your child is not successful in getting a place, should we be oversubscribed. If for any other reason your child is withdrawn from the trip, a refund will not be available. There is assistance available in cases of financial hardship. Please use this link to apply <https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/free-school-meals-and-financial-help>. All food is catered for within the cost.

All students must have a passport valid for the dates of the trip and at least 3 months from the date of return along with a European Health Insurance Card or Global Health Insurance Card. It is also likely that students will require ETIAS travel authorisation – we are awaiting confirmation from the travel company and will provide information in due course. Any students holding a passport that has not been issued by the UK will need to make us aware at the earliest opportunity and parents will need to work with us to arrange the necessary documentation for this trip as soon as possible.

You will be sent a link to fill in the details of both the Passport and EHIC/GHIC in **February 2027** – this must be filled in accurately and timely so we can complete our travel documents. We will then require a photocopy of the passport and EHIC/GHIC immediately on completion of the form or by **Friday March 20th** at the latest, failing to send/provide documentation or complete forms on time could lead to removal from the trip.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email.

Yours faithfully,
Sean Taylor and Rachel Chamberlain

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