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AN ACADEMY

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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 this year. We usually run two trips, taking half the students on the first trip and the other half on the second, depending on numbers. This year the dates will be **Thursday 16th – Friday 17th November 2023**, with the second trip scheduled for **Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th November 2023** if numbers are high. Students will be allocated to a trip on a best fit basis with their timetable. 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 good fun. It also needs to be said that it is a demanding trip; a genuine enthusiasm for History and an ability to listen are a must and, of course, the promise of excellent behaviour.

The final cost of the trip will depend on numbers but we envisage that each student will need to pay a contribution of around **£236** (approximate cost). Should insufficient contributions be made then the visit may not be able to proceed. 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>.

There will be about 50 places available on each trip; a number determined by coach size and accommodation. A **deposit of £60** must be paid on parent pay by **the 31<sup>st</sup> March** in order to apply for one of these places and the final payment will be required by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Should more students want to go on the trip than places are available; names will be drawn by lot. Receipt of the **£60** deposit is a commitment to the trip and also shows parental consent. This will only be refunded if your child is not successful in getting a place, should we be oversubscribed. We will send out a further letter in April when we have established the take up and allocated students to the trips. We will also be able to give you the final cost based on the number of students. You can then pay the remaining balance between April and July over 4 instalments.

**All students will need a passport valid for the dates of the trip and at least 6 months afterwards along with a European Health Insurance Card or Global Health Insurance Card.** Any non-EU students will need to make us aware at the earliest opportunity to arrange the necessary documentation for this trip. You will be sent a link to fill in the details of both the Passport and EHIC/GHIC soon after paying the deposit. It is essential that we have a photocopy of the passport and EHIC/GHIC card by the **30<sup>th</sup> June** at the latest, failing to send/provide documentation 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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