



Our Ref: TMY/CBO
15 December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

'Christmas Truce' Trip to Ypres Belgium Friday 30 November 2018

There is an opportunity for your son/daughter to take part in a day trip to Ypres, Belgium. We will leave school at 4:30am on Friday 30 November 2018 and travel by coach and Euro tunnel to Ypres, Belgium, where students will have the opportunity to investigate the town of Ypres, Flanders Museum, Plugstreet Wood, Christmas Market and visit the Menin Gate for the Last Post

The cost of the trip will be £115 which covers the cost of all travel. Students will be required to bring their own packed lunch and purchase their own dinner. **Students will need a valid passport. If they wish to be included on a group passport they must see Mr Moseley as soon as possible.** Each child will need to have their own European Health Insurance Card.

Provisional Itinerary:

0430 An executive coach arrives

0839 Outbound crossing

France – local time

1130 Arrive Ypres – may include:

Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917: (2 hours)

Your Country Needs YOU!

- Meet the Recruiting Sergeant;
- A trench meal before going 'up the line'.
- Life in the Trenches; Trench routine; an opportunity to handle period equipment and weaponry.

Voormezele Cemetery

Visit the grave of George Llewellyn Davies; Hear the story of the Llewellyn Davies boys, their relationship with JM Barrie and how they provided the inspiration for the story of Peter Pan.

Plugstreet Wood

Christmas 1914; Football on the front line.

1630 The Christmas Truce

A re-enactment of the events of Christmas Day 1914. See the camaraderie which developed between British & German soldiers; Watch the meeting in No Man's Land and the exchanging of gifts and the cessation of hostilities. A chance for a question and answer session with "Fritz" the German soldier and we discuss why the Christmas Truce never happened again.

The Menin Gate

Sir Reginald Blomfield's Memorial to the Missing on the Ypres Salient; site of the daily the Last Post ceremony since 1928.

Chocolate Shopping in Ypres / Christmas market

- 1930** Briefing for Menin Gate ceremony
- 2000** Last Post Ceremony
- 2015** Depart Ypres
- 2220** Inbound Shuttle
- 2200** Arrive UK local time
- 0030*** Arrive school approx. **(Parents are expected to collect their child from school at this time)**
*denotes next day arrival

As parents you need to be aware that, as with all school trips, there is an element of risk on this trip. In particular there will be times, both on the ferry and in the town of Ypres, when students will not be directly supervised by staff. Students will have an opportunity to spend time in the Christmas Market in Ypres. Students will be made aware of any risks involved and staff will be in designated areas if students need to find them. Students will also get the opportunity to re-enact the famous Football match. Further details containing specific details about the trip and a parents information evening will be given nearer the time.

Parents should be aware that it is school policy that participation in a trip will be dependent on staff feeling confident that your son/daughter will behave appropriately.

In particular, poor behaviour between now and the date of the trip is likely to result in your child being withdrawn from the trip. Your child will be expected to follow the Academy's Code of Conduct at all times. It is parents' responsibility to ensure this is clearly understood by their sons/daughters. The decision of the Principal on this matter is final.

If you would like you son/daughter to take part in trip, please return the yellow consent slip plus the tear off slip overleaf with either the full payment of £115 or a non-refundable deposit of £25 in a sealed envelope marked 'Ypres Trip' to Pupil Reception by Friday 9 February 2018. Cheques should be made payable to 'Chantry Academy'. Alternatively you may pay via Parentmail. The full amount is due on Monday 8 May 2018.

Please be aware of Anglia Tours Cancellation policy:

CANCELLATION

Should a paying person cancel more than 8 weeks before departure, the deposits may be transferred to a replacement person. If this is not possible then deposits due at the date of cancellation will be retained by us. For cancellations made less than 8 weeks before departure, any payments made may be transferred but we reserve the right to charge an amendment fee of £25. If a transfer of payment takes place at any stage, any additional charges made by suppliers will be passed on in full. Please note that in the case of airlines, such additional charges can be very significant. Cancellation will be subject to the following charges per paying person:

More than 56 days before departure	100% of Deposits
56-29 days before departure	60% of Total Price
28-15 days before departure	75% of Total Price
14 days or less before departure	100 % of Total Price

**Deposit will only be returned should the trip be cancelled.*

We would not exclude any pupil whose parent felt unable to contribute, so please contact me at the school if you wish to discuss this. However, I am sure you appreciate that the school cannot fund visits of this sort without the support from parents. There are limited places available so places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Moseley
Assistant Principal

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To: Mrs Bonwick, Pupil Reception

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Student's Name: Tutor:

I consent to my child taking part in the above trip and confirm that I have read and understood the cancellation terms. The yellow parental consent form is attached together with:-

- * full payment of £115
- * deposit of £25.
- * deposit/full amount via Parentmail
(Please delete as applicable)

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer