



Our Ref: HPT/GMA  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Trip to Ypres Belgium Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

We are pleased to inform you of the itinerary for the trip to Ypres on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The itinerary is subject to change, but rough guidelines of times can be seen. There is also information underneath about the amount of money pupils should bring for dinner, as well as arrangements for the following day.

### **Day 1 Thursday 5th December 2024**

03:00 Executive coach arrives.

03:15 Depart school.

05:45 Collect Guides at Stop 24, Folkestone

08:15 Outbound Crossing

11:00 France – local time

### **Arrive Koenkas Farm**

### **Your Country Needs YOU!**

### **Basic Training**

Spend time with our Drill Sergeant learning Drill & weapons handling.

### **Field Kitchen**

Your opportunity for a trench meal before going 'up the line'

### **Recruitment Stand**

Meet Anglia's Recruiting Sergeant keen to sign up volunteers for the BEF.

### **Arrive Hooge Crater Museum**

### **Plugstreet Wood**

Christmas 1914 on the front line. The football match – myth or fact?

### **Chantry Academy**

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### **The Christmas Truce**

Re-enactment of the events of Christmas Day 1914. Watch the meeting in No Man's Land and the exchanging of gifts and the cessation of hostilities.

### **Meet Tommy & Fritz**

A chance for a question-and-answer session and discuss why the Christmas Truce never happened again.

### **The Menin Gate**

Sir Reginald Blomfield's Memorial to the Missing on the Ypres Salient and site of the daily Last Post Ceremony.

17:45 Chocolate Shopping in Ypres / free time - time permitting.

19:00 Depart Ypres for Calais

22:25 Inbound crossing

23:00 Arrive UK local time.

01:00 Arrive at school approx. time

Due to the lateness of the arrival, Mr D'Cunha has agreed that pupils will be allowed to attend school at 10am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, so should go straight to their P3 lesson.

Students will be required to bring their own packed lunch and money (around 20-30 euros will be enough) to purchase their own dinner.

As parents you need to be aware that, as with all school trips, there is an element of risk on this trip. 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 Ypres. Students will be made aware of any risks involved and staff will be in designated areas if students need to find them.

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.

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.

Yours faithfully

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**Mr Potter**  
Acting Head of History

