



Our Ref: TAN/GMA  
5 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

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 (subject to change) on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and travel by coach and Euro tunnel to Ypres, Belgium, where students will have the opportunity to investigate the town of Ypres. A full itinerary, though subject to change, is listed below:

### **Hooge Crater Museum**

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

##### **Basic Training**

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

##### **Recruitment Stand**

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

##### **Field Kitchen**

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

### **Plugstreet Wood**

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

### **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**

#### **Chantry Academy**

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

### **Café visit**

An opportunity to warm up with a hot drink (Included)

### **The Menin Gate**

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

The cost of this trip has been kept to a minimum with support from Chantry Academy. The cost is **£154.50** which includes, travel and insurance. To confirm a place on this trip a deposit of £30 (non-refundable) will need to be paid by 20 December 2023 by either parentmail or cash to student reception. **Payment by Parentmail will open 09:00 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.** To make things easier with the payments we have devised a payment plan:

*£30 deposit by Wednesday 20 December 2023*

*£60 by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

*Final payment of £64.50 by Thursday 5 September 2024*

**There are limited places available so these will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.**

Students will be required to bring their own packed lunch and money to purchase their own dinner. **Students will need a valid passport.** Each child will need to have their own European Health Insurance Card. [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

It is likely there will be an early start time (previously 04:30am) and the return time likely to be as late as 00:30am. A final itinerary will be sent out nearer the time.

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.

**CANCELLATION - Anglia Tours Cancellation policy:** see attached sheet

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 these will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.**

Yours faithfully

**T Ankin**

Mr T Ankin  
History Teacher

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To: Mrs Maloney, Pupil Reception

**Re: Life in Trenches Trip to Ypres Belgium 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

Student Name: .....

I agree to my son/daughter taking part in the above trip.

I enclose the £30 cash non-refundable deposit

I confirm the £30 non-refundable deposit has been paid via ParentMail   
(Please tick as applicable)

I acknowledge that I have read and understand Anglia Tour's cancellation terms.

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer

Please print name: .....

## **Cancellation details**

### 12 If You Cancel Your booking before Departure

12.1 Should you or any member of your Group need to cancel your booking once it has been confirmed, the Group Leader must immediately advise us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only be effective when it is received in writing by us at our offices. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay the applicable cancellation charges up to the maximum shown below.

12.2 Should one or more member of a party cancel, it may increase the per-person booking price of those still travelling and you will be liable to pay this increase. 10

12.3 If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

### **Notice Period Cancellation Charges**

- 70 days or more before departure Loss of all scheduled deposits + any supplier costs already incurred (E.g. flight tickets, theatre tickets etc.)
- 69 – 30 days before departure 70% of booking cost
- 29 – 0 days before departure 100% of booking cost

12.4 Please note that insurance premiums and amendments charges are not refundable in any circumstances.

12.5 Where possible, we will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us.

### 13 Cancellation by You due to Unavoidable & Extraordinary Circumstances:

13.1 You have the right to cancel your confirmed booking before departure without paying a cancellation charge in the event of “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” occurring at your destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affecting the performance of the booking or significantly affecting the transport arrangements to the destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease, epidemic or pandemic at the travel destination and/or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

13.2 This clause 13 outlines the rights you have if you wish to cancel your booking. Please note that there is no automatic statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013.