



Queen Mary's Grammar School
Headmaster: T J Swain, M A

19th June 2017

To parents of Year 8-11

Dear Parent/Guardian

Proposed School Tour to WW1 Battlefields, Belgium & France, 23rd-26th May 2018

We are offering our students from current Year 8 upwards the opportunity to visit the First World War battlefields in Belgium / France next year. This is open to all students even if they no longer formally study history. The planned tour will include return coach & ferry travel, full-board accommodation, and a full programme of activities. We will spend three nights in the Ypres region of Belgium with visits to The Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, The Menin Gate and Tyne Cot military cemetery amongst other sites.

The tour is organised by NST, a well-established schools tour operator who are members of ABTA. The cost also includes insurance cover and all taxes and gratuities.

Pupils must have a full passport valid at the time of travel and must obtain an EHIC.

The **total cost of the tour is £330** based on 40 pupils travelling. In order to commit to this trip we will need to receive an **initial deposit of £80 before 7th July 2017 , together with the reply slip attached, Form 3 filled in and a photocopy of their passport.** The remaining payment will be split over two instalments: £125 due by 7th October 2017 £125 due by 7th February 2018. If you wish, you can pay the full amount before the due dates. All payments should be made via Parent Pay.

Please note that this deposit is non-refundable once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed. In the event that your child is withdrawn from the trip, either by you or the school, you will be liable for costs in accordance with NST's cancellation policy, unless there is a medical emergency which can be claimed via insurance or a replacement member of the party can be found.

This visit is entirely optional, but will provide additional insight into pupils' study of this important conflict at a period when the country is commemorating the 100 years anniversary of the First World War.

Should you have any questions relating to this visit, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Reynolds at the school.

Mr R J Langton
Head of School

Mr R P Reynolds
Head of History & Trip Organiser

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Please return to Mr Reynolds at the school along with Form 3 filled in and a photocopy of your passport by 7th July 2017.

Pupil's Name _____ Form _____

I wish my son to be considered for a place on the proposed tour to the WW1 Battlefields.
I confirm I have paid the initial deposit of £80 via Parent Pay.

Parental Signature _____ Date _____

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