



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Proposed School Tour to WW1 Battlefields, Belgium & France, 20th May- 23rd May 2020

We are offering our students the opportunity to visit the First World War battlefields in Belgium / France next year. The focus will be the battles of The Somme, Passchendaele & Vimy Ridge. 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 £360** based on 40 pupils travelling. In order to commit to this trip we will need to receive an **initial deposit of £100 via Parent Pay together with the reply slip attached & Form 3 filled in to confirm your place.** This is on a first come first served basis. Previous trips have always been filled very quickly with a waiting list. The remaining payment of £260 is due by 1st October 2019. If you wish, you can pay the full amount as the deposit. 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 In the event that your child is withdrawn from the trip, either by you or the school, you will be liable for costs in accordance with NST's cancellation policy, unless there is a medical emergency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 100th 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
Headmaster

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 completed.

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 £100 via Parent Pay.

Parental Signature _____ Date _____

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