



# John Colet School

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Visit to First World War Battlefields, Ypres -Somme, Belgium & France, on 11 – 14 May 2019**

As you are no doubt aware a significant element of History at GCSE involves studying the events and the impact of World War I. In order to increase students' understanding of what happened, what life was like and the sheer impact of events we are organising a four day visit for **Year 8 students considering studying GCSE History** to the site of some of the most ferocious fighting in that war, Ypres in Western Belgium.

The cost of the trip is based on 44 students participating and will be **£340.00** to cover the cost of accommodation, meals, travel, activities, insurance and administration. Please see the school website for further details on school travel insurance and charging and voluntary contributions towards school trips.

Please note: The cost is based on current exchange rates but may vary slightly if the rates fluctuate between now and the final payment for the trip.

The trip will include the following:

- Return executive class coach from school to Ypres and the Somme.
- Return travel by Ferry from Dover to Calais.
- Guided tour of the Ypres and Somme battlefields including visits to Tyne Cot cemetery (the largest British war cemetery in the world), Langemarck German war cemetery, the Menin Gate, Hellfire Corner and Hill 62. Also the Somme battlefield including visits to Ulster Tower, Thiepval memorial, Mametz wood, Newfoundland Park and Hawthorn crater
- Insurance cover
- Accommodation at the Poppies Hotel, a purpose built hostel in the centre of Albert on a bed, breakfast, evening meal basis

If your son/daughter would like to go, please complete and return the attached consent form along with your deposit of **£25.00** to the Finance Office **by Tuesday 11 December 2018**.

**Please note that spending money is not included. It is also expected that each child will have their own passport and an EHIC card which can be downloaded for free from [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk). Please also ensure that there is 6 months remaining on their passport from the date of arrival in France.**

The preferred method of payment is via [www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk](http://www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk) online using a debit or credit card by selecting 'Ypres-Somme 2019' under the payments section. Alternatively, cheques should be made payable to John Colet School Fund and returned to the Finance Office between **8.00 – 8.30am in the mornings**. It would be helpful if you could also write the students name and 'Ypres- Somme 2019' on the reverse of the cheque.

The remaining balance of **£315.00** will be payable in the following instalments: £95.00 by Friday 4 January 2019, £110.00 by Friday 1 February 2019, £110.00 by Friday 1 March 2019

**Please Note:**

**It is essential that the deposit and the reply slip is returned to the Finance Office by Tuesday 11 December 2018 to ensure that your son/daughter is included in the selection process.**

Deposit cheques will not be banked until sufficient numbers to make the trip viable have been confirmed.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, a draw will take place and those not selected will have their payment returned and be placed on a reserve list in the order in which they were drawn.

Once places are confirmed, deposits for the selected participants will be non-refundable.

Please be aware that any student who is placed on report may be withdrawn from the trip at the schools discretion and will have any monies paid refunded providing another student is able to take their place.

Please note that in the event of your son/daughter withdrawing from the trip, payments will only be refunded if another student is able to take their place.

We would not want any student to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances, therefore, if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding please contact Finance at [finance@johncolet.co.uk](mailto:finance@johncolet.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



**Mr L Clarke**  
**Teacher of History**

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**Visit to First World War Battlefields, Ypres-Somme, Belgium & France 11 - 14 May 2019**

**Please return to the Finance Office between 8.00 – 8.30am in the mornings by Tuesday 11 December 2018**

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the trip to Ypres & Somme

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have paid a deposit of **£25.00** via Parentmail (PMX)
- Please find enclosed a cheque for **£25.00** payable to John Colet School Fund, with the students name and Ypres - Somme 2019 on the reverse.
- I agree to pay the remaining balance of **£315.00** in instalments of £95.00 by Friday 4 January 2019, £110.00 by Friday 1 February 2019, £110.00 by Friday 1 March 2019

Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_