

**YEAR 8 First World War Battlefields,
Belgium 2018**

On: Monday 9th to Friday 13th July
Cost: £456.00 per student



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Headteacher: Mr R V Davies

November 17

Dear Parent

The History Department is organising an optional extra for Year 8 students to visit to the battlefields of the First World War. The visit will take place **between Monday 9th July and Friday 13th July 2018** and includes coach travel (a modern luxury standard coach with seat belts, which will be for our use throughout the visit; provided by Galloway Travel, a well established company operating for over 30 years), full board accommodation in Ypres at CJT DE IP, insurance, entrance fees to the museums, battlefields, bowling evening and Theme park or equivalent. The centre is designed specifically for school use and will provide all standard facilities. The school will be the sole user during our stay which ensures security as well as peace and quiet. Facilities at the centre include a purpose built games room, football pitch and basketball area. Students will have to provide a packed lunch for the outward journey and on return will require money to purchase an evening meal.

The cost of the visit is **£456.00**. Travel will be by coach and ferry (Dover – Calais crossing with P&O Ferries). During our stay in Ypres we will visit the Tunnels at Vimy Ridge, the 'Trench of Death' and battlefields of the Somme, together with a variety of museums and educational centres. As the accommodation is near to the Menin Gate, pupils will be able to walk to the Gate one evening to attend the Last Post Ceremony at 8.00p.m. We will also visit a local Bowling Alley and the Bellewaerde Theme Park.

All students on the tour born in the UK before the passport application date will travel on a Group Passport (No current passport required). Any students born outside the UK will travel on their own passport.

The price is based on 40 students attending. This is a first come first served trip. To be allocated a place, please complete the attached Official Consent Form **and return to the School Reception**. On receipt of the Consent Form we will assign your child to the trip to enable payment by ParentPay/Telephone (01600 775171) which must be completed on sign up to secure the place. Your child will have a place on the trip if it appears as an item for payment on your PPAY account otherwise they will be placed on a RESERVE list. Please ensure that your current email details held in Parentpay are correct. In the event that the trip does not go ahead then your payments will be refunded.

A Deposit payment of £100.00 is required directly on sign up to the trip, and then the outstanding balance paid in equal monthly payments no later than 1st of each subsequent month commencing in January and finishing in March 2018. If you join the trip after December 2017 your initial payment will be required to be in line with the payment schedule above.

All payments made are non-refundable, however, if any student wishes to withdraw (confirmed by email) at any time and can find another student to take his/her place, all payments would be refunded. For details of the School's 'Charging for School Activities policy please see the School website www.monmouthcomprehensive.org.uk >Parents>Trips.

A full parents' information evening will be held prior to the trip. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Lewis

Party Leader

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CONSENT FORM

Please complete and return to **Reception**

Your child will be assigned to the Trip on return of this Consent Form



Event	First World War Battlefields Trip - Belgium
Available to:-	Year 8 in 2017–2018 Academic Year
Party Leader	Mr A Lewis
Date(s)	Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th July 2018

Legal Name of Student		Form	
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I agree that my child may take part in the above advertised trip

For your child's security we recommend that you make payments by ParentPay

Please tick appropriate boxes:

Total Cost of Trip: £456.00	**Parent Pay	Telephone Payment
A non-refundable deposit payment of £100.00 due		

I confirm that my email details set up in ParentPay are correct and **verified**.

I wish to make you aware of the following medical information regarding my child relevant to this activity

I am aware that:-

1. Off-site activities travel and personal injury insurance is provided by Royal Sun Alliance. For summary of cover, please visit the School's website at www.monmouthcomprehensive.org.uk under Trips.
2. I agree to adhere to the payment requirements.
3. I give permission for my child to travel by private hire
4. My child must bring their relevant medication/equipment, including inhalers, on this trip

Contact Name(s) (please print)	
Relationship to student	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact Email Address	
Signature of Parent	
Date	