

24 June 2019

Parent / Guardian

I am pleased to announce that Caedmon History department, are once again offering students the chance to visit the World War One Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium during a 5 day 'battlefield experience' early next year. This experience will enable students to follow in the footsteps of soldiers who enlisted into 'Pals Battalions' and subsequently fought in the trenches of Western Europe. As well as being a hugely thought provoking and memorable experience in itself, the visit will also help support the history GCSE course which includes a study of the causes and events of World War One.

The visit will leave the College at lunch-time on Monday 10 February 2020 travelling by coach to Belgium, crossing overnight from Hull to Zbrugge via P&O ferries. The next four days will be spent out 'in the field' visiting trenches, battlefields, memorials, museums and war cemeteries. Students will stand at the sites of famous events such as the Christmas Truce and will walk in the footsteps of those who attacked on the first day of the Somme. We will visit museums and cemeteries to learn about individual stories, and there will be opportunities for students to visit graves of family members who died during the conflict. On our final night we will attend the world famous Menin Gate memorial ceremony.

We will return on the overnight ferry on Friday night arriving back in Whitby at around midday on Saturday 15 February. Please note that this is the first weekend of the half-term holiday.

The visit is organised and staffed by Mercat International Tours. Students will benefit from experienced trained educators who will lead them through an intense, and often highly emotional, experience. More information can be found on their website: [www.mercattoursinternational.com](http://www.mercattoursinternational.com). Accommodation will be at The Old School, Haringe. (<https://www.meningate.com/oldschoolharinge/>).

In order to run this trip, we will require a parental contribution of £495.00 per student. This includes a fully trained and experienced Mercat International guide for the duration of the trip. It also includes all travel and accommodation with breakfast a packed lunch and evening meal provided daily at the hotel as well as all entrance fees to sites and museums. Cabin accommodation, along with buffet evening meal and breakfast, will be provided on the ferry, both ways.

For the visit to go ahead we need a minimum uptake of 30 students. Therefore, to secure a place for your son/daughter, please return the reply slip and an initial contribution of £75.00 (by cash or cheque) to the College office by Friday 4 July. This will be non-refundable because it needs to be paid directly to the tour company who will not refund this. However, in the event of insufficient numbers your £75.00 will be returned. A second non-refundable contribution of £75.00 will be due by Tuesday 1 October with the remaining balance of £345.00 due on Monday 2 December. In order to spread the cost, the College office will be happy to accept interim payments. Payments will also be able to be made through ParentPay at any time.

Yours sincerely



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**REPLY SLIP – To be returned to Mrs Nedley in the Main Office at either break or lunch time (MJC)  
(please return before Friday 12 July)**

**French Battlefields Trip to Northern France and Belgium – February 2020**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby confirm that I have read and understand the arrangements for the educational visit, outlined above, and give my informed consent to my son/daughter taking part.

I understand that a contribution of £495.00 is needed from me for my son/daughter to take part in this trip

I enclose a non-refundable £75.00 contribution (cheques made payable to Caedmon College Whitby)

Please add these trip details to my Parent Pay account

The cost of the trip will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of students participating and will be equally shared between those taking part.

Our full Charging and Lettings Policy can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.ccwhitby.co.uk/information-2/policies>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_