



Rossett School
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9 March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE History trip to Ypres- October 2017

This year heralds the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele in World War One and to mark this occasion the History department is organising a cultural trip to the battlefields of Ypres and the Somme. The study of World War One is part of the Key Stage 3 curriculum and important in our understanding of sacrifice and remembrance. Students will be able to see first hand important sites as well as the trenches and themed museums. They will also have the unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a World War One soldier; spending the day in uniform and pack and sharing in a tommy tucker lunch. They will also create a legacy by making and dedicating a statue to a fallen soldier. These will be publicly displayed in Ypres in 2018. A suggested itinerary would include:

Sanctuary Wood – students can experience standing in a trench.	Thiepval Memorial on the Somme
Langemark – a German cemetery.	Ulster Tower and excavated trenches
Tyne Cot Cemetery – the largest British Military Cemetery in the world.	Wreath laying.
Vancouver Corner – the site of the first gas attack..	Passchedaele Memorial Museum including a battlefield walk in full uniform and a ‘tommy tucker’ meal.
The Christmas Truce – site of the famous Christmas football match.	Poperinge and the Death Cells – where soldiers spent their last night before being shot at dawn.
Essex Farm – field station where John McCrae wrote his famous poem ‘In Flanders Fields’.	Statue making at Coming World Remember Me

The trip will depart on Thursday 19 October (leaving at lunch time to minimise disruption to lessons) and will return on the morning of Monday 23 October. The cost of this trip will be £450 covering all transport costs (we will travel by coach and North Sea ferry Hull via Zeebrugge and the cost includes cabins and meals on the ferry), accommodation, all meals, visits, insurance and a guide.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this study trip please return the slip below to the Finance Office with a non-refundable deposit of £100 by Monday 27 March. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Rossett Green Charity’. Monies can also be paid electronically. Please note that once a student has been offered a place on the trip all monies are non-refundable should he/she decide to withdraw for a non-medical reason. By signing the consent slip and paying the deposit parents are agreeing to pay the full amount for the trip as the school will have committed to the booking.

Yours sincerely

R McFarlane

R McFarlane (Mrs)
Subject leader – History

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Battlefields of World War One study trip and I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100.

Signed Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

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