



Rossett School
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September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

History Battlefields Trip 2026

The history department will be taking a group of Year 8 and 9 students to Ypres, Belgium and the Somme region of France, for our annual World War One Battlefields trip. The trip will depart on Thursday, 4 June 2026 and will return on Sunday, 7 June 2026.

The trip includes visits to various memorials and battlefields in the Ypres and Somme areas, and participation in the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. Students will also have the opportunity to visit gravesides and/or memorials of relatives who perished in The Great War. Students are encouraged to complete their own research on family members / local residents who have graves in the areas of Ypres and the Somme and bring the information to their history teacher at school.

The total cost of the trip is £540.00 per student. This will include full board accommodation for three nights, Hill 62 entrance, all activities including a game of bowling and a chocolate making workshop, trip hoodie and full travel / insurance costs. I have included a provisional itinerary so that students can begin to research the area that we will be visiting.

In addition, students will need to have a passport in date by a minimum of 6 months after our return in June 2026, any necessary visas or other travel documentation is the responsibility of the parent.

To secure your child's place, please make the deposit of £100 and confirm your consent via Arbor **by Friday 19th September**. As always with a residential trip, conduct in school is considered when confirming your child's place on the trip. In the event of the trip becoming oversubscribed, students will be selected at random. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need to discuss practicalities, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thursday 4 June-

Depart from Rossett

Channel crossing Dover to Calais

Arrive in Ypres for sight seeing

Evening meal at a local restaurant

Travel to our accommodation in Lille

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Friday 5 June-

Passchendaele museum

Tour of Ypres battlefields including Langemark and Tyne Cot

Visit Hill 62 (trenches)

Bowling

Evening meal at a local restaurant

Take part in the last post ceremony at Menin Gate, lay a wreath on behalf of the school

Saturday 6 June-

Travel to the Somme region of France

Visit Beaumont Hamel for a guided tour of a Somme battlefield

Tour of Thiepval memorial

Guided visit of Vimy Ridge, including a tour of the underground tunnels

Evening meal at a local restaurant

Sunday 7 June-

Belgium chocolate making workshop and shop visit

Travel back to Rossett

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Beeston (History teacher and trip leader)

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