



Rossett School

Success for everyone

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

History trip to Ypres, Arras and the Somme – July 2024

We are delighted to, once again, be able to organise our 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. With our travel company, Zeitgeist Tours, we have developed an engaging itinerary with a wealth of activities to truly bring history alive including:

- For the full duration of the tour, students will benefit from having their very own authentically dressed British and German officers of the Great War to accompany the group and answer all of their questions about what it was like to be a soldier in the trenches at the time.
- A visit to Hooge Crater Museum, including entry to the fantastic museum where the students get the opportunity to try on soldiers' uniforms, sample and compare the rations of a British and a German soldier, test out gas masks and smell the different types of gas, and fire the 1917-made Great War Mauser G98 rifle (blanks, of course!)
- A visit to Wellington Quarries where soldiers waited underground for battle orders and Notre Dame de Lorette.
- Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate during which the students will lay a poppy wreath as part of the ceremony.
- A visit to Leonidas chocolate shop in Ypres to buy Belgian chocolates.
- The Zeitgeist Tours First World War Tour Pal Student Edition for every student.
- Shooting the War – No Filter Experience: allows students to document the war just like soldiers would have done. Five First World War made cameras take photographs which look like they have been taken 100 years ago. The exposures will then be sent to school in digital and printed form to share with the students.

The trip will depart on Thursday 4 July 2024 (leaving late afternoon to minimise disruption to lessons) and will return on the morning of Monday 8 July 2024. The cost of this trip for 4 nights/5 days will be £700 which covers return Channel crossings via Hull – Rotterdam overnight ferry, including two nights on-board accommodation, breakfast and dinner. Two nights high quality full board accommodation, all visits and insurance.

If you would like your child to participate in this study trip, please return the slip below to the Finance office by Thursday 30 November 2023. A non-refundable deposit of £200 will be required by Thursday 7 December. Deposits should be paid on Scopay once your child's place has been confirmed. Please note that once a student has been offered a place on the trip all monies are non-refundable should they 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.

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If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals, or has been in the last six years, and you would like them to participate but require some financial assistance to do so please contact finance@rs.rklt.co.uk by 30 November 2023. The school believes in supporting all students to access extra-curricular activities and any financial subsidy will be based on the individual circumstances and the number of students who apply at this point.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs R McFarlane
Subject teacher- History

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Student Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my child to take part in the Battlefields of World War One trip and I confirm I will pay a non-refundable deposit of £200 via Scopay on confirmation of an allocated place.

Signed Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____

