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Dear Parent/Carer

History Trip to WW1 Battlefields: Wednesday 17th – Thursday 18th July 2024

As a department we are pleased to be able to offer History students the opportunity to visit the World War 1 French and Belgian trenches. This will be a two-day visit on 17th – 18th July 2023, leaving at about 4.00am on the Wednesday. During the first day students will visit British and German cemeteries in the area of the Somme. We will finish the day in Ypres where we will have an evening meal and watch the last post ceremony, before going to our accommodation. On the second day we will visit the British cemeteries on the Ypres salient, as well as having opportunity to go to a Belgian chocolate shop.

A packed lunch will be needed for the first day of the trip. From then on it will be full board comprising an evening meal on the first day with breakfast and packed lunch provided for the second day. Students will need to buy some food on the Thursday afternoon / evening before our return to school at about 9.00pm.

Although attendance is not essential this educational visit will be a valuable experience for all who attend. In order to cover the costs incurred for the visit including transport and admission costs, the school would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£250**. Students will also need their own personal spending money. We are very keen to support all student participation in school visits and do not wish for any student to be disadvantaged due to financial hardship. Should you have any concerns or queries regarding the voluntary payment for this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pyke, Business Manager, who will be happy to help you. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence. As you will understand without the appropriate financial contributions the visit may not be able to take place.

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN VALID PASSPORT AND EHIC/GHIC (European Health Insurance Card).

If you wish your son or daughter to take part in this trip then please return the reply slip by **Wednesday 1st November 2023, together with a £125 deposit which is non-refundable once a place for your son / daughter on the trip has been confirmed.**

We would ask you to use the online payment system to pay for this if possible. If you have already created an online account, please use this as normal. If you have not already created an account, you should have received a letter with your pupil link code and guidance on creating the account. If you need a copy of this, please email finance@edgbarrowschool.co.uk for a copy. If you do not use online banking, or prefer to pay by cheque, please would you make the cheque payable to Edgbarrow School and write your child's name and 'Year 10 Battlefields trip' on the back.

If your son/daughter is given a place on the trip, you will be asked to pay the balance payment of £125 (to total £250) by Monday 22nd April 2024. The balance can be paid in instalments if you wish. Final travel information will be made available nearer to the date of the trip. There will also be a parents' meeting to discuss all the various issues surrounding the trip.

As a department we have been impressed by the excellent work ethic of Year 10 this year and the effort that they have put into the start of their GCSE course and would like to take this opportunity to commend them all.

If you have any questions regarding the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



Mr G May
Head of History Department

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REPLY SLIP – WW1 Battlefields - Wednesday 17th – Thursday 18th July 2024
Please return to School Office by Wednesday 1st November 2023

Name of student Tutor group

I do wish my son/daughter to attend the Battlefields trip. I enclose a deposit of £125 which is non-refundable once a place on the trip has been confirmed. ☐

Payment made online* ☐

Cash ☐

Cheque ☐

Use credit from previous trip refunded online ☐

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

Cheques should be made payable to Edgbarrow School with "Year 10 Battlefields Trip" and your child's name written on the reverse

*Please do not return this reply slip until payment has been made online