



16 November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Ypres to the Somme Trip – Belgium

I am organising a History trip for October half term 2024 which will be open to students who are **currently** in Years 8 and 9 at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.

The trip will be organised through Diverse School Travel. Attached is a presentation with more information. There will be an in person information evening for parents and students to attend nearer the time.

General Details

Dates:	Friday 25 th October 2024 – Sunday 27 th October 2024
Travel:	We will be travelling by coach and ferry.
Accommodation:	We will be staying at the Poppies Hostel in the centre of Ypres
Activities:	We will be following a schedule of activities where we will visit a range of museums and memorials as well as attending a memorial ceremony at the Menin Gate.
Cost:	£330

Students will need their own passport for this trip.

All students will need a valid EHIC (or GHIC). They can be ordered free of charge [HERE](#).

During this trip, the accompanying staff will be available at all times but there will be periods of remote supervision when students will be expected to be in groups of at least three. Remote supervision is when the group is monitored by staff from a distance, but they are not directly with the group.

Allocation of places:

Overseas trips are always popular. There are 50 places available, and we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. **The deadline for expressing your interest is 3pm on Thursday 23 November 2023.** All names will first be approved by the Headteacher and in the event of oversubscription names will be drawn at random. There will then be a quick turn around to pay a deposit of £25 per person by Tuesday 5th December.

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Smith
Head of History