



18 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: KS3/KS4 HISTORY TRIP - WWI BATTLEFIELDS – MONDAY 22 and TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026

I am writing to ask if your child would be interested in attending The Gateway Academy's trip to the battlefield sites of World War I. We have provisionally booked a two-day visit on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 June 2026. This tour will visit various sites relating to the Year 9 and 10 History Curriculum being taught in school and GCSE Historic Environment unit, that includes the use of medicine during WW1. This trip is open to students in Years 9 and 10 and is an incredibly exciting opportunity for your child to participate in, as we will visit replica trenches to gain an insight of the conditions that soldiers endured, with visits to famous battle sights. The price of the trip is £290.00 and includes:

- School pick-up and drop-off;
- Return ferry crossings;
- All entry fees;
- Study / information pack;
- A tour guide for the duration of the tour;
- Student insurance;
- Overnight stay;
- Dinner – Day 1; and
- Breakfast and Lunch – Day 2.

Students need to arrive at the Academy at 5:00 am and make their way to the coach to register. We will be leaving promptly on Monday 22 June at 5:30 am. Students will then be taken to and from the venue by coach. This will be firstly to the Ferry, then via coach toward Belgium. We are hoping to return to the Academy by approximately 8.00 pm (traffic permitting) on Tuesday 23 2026, when students will be dismissed. Students are expected to be in school the following day. Alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child's journey home from school on this day.

To reserve a place for your child, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form herewith: <https://forms.gle/AowR19ScByV6KxHx8>. Please note, you do not need a Google account to fill in the form, although you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome. Kindly ensure the Google Form is completed and submitted by **Monday 19 January 2026 with a £50.00 non-refundable deposit, which can be paid through ParentPay**. Students will need to have a **passport with at least six months** left on it from the time of travel. Places are limited (there is a maximum of 45 places available) so students will be allocated on a first-come, first serve basis, although places will be considered, dependent upon student attendance, behaviour and academic record. Students who do not meet the requirements for the trip will unfortunately not be allowed to participate. **The closing date for full payment will be Monday 04 May 2026**. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to participate in this trip and will be expected to attend their usual lessons on this day.

I am confident you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and look forward to receiving your signed consent forms and non-refundable deposits by **Monday 19 January 2026**. If you have any questions with regards to this trip, then please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number 01375 489000 or via email at johanna.curran@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Curran
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