



13 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: KS4 HISTORY TRIP - WWI BATTLEFIELDS – FRIDAY 08 MARCH 2024

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 one day visit on Friday 08 March 2024. This tour will visit various sites relating to the Year 9 History Curriculum being taught in school and GCSE Historic Environment unit, that includes the use of medicine during WW1. This trip is open to 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. This includes

- Hill 62 trenches entrance
- Passchendaele museum entrance
- Hooge museum entrance
- Essex Farm
- Sanctuary Wood

The price of the trip is **£130.00** 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 and
- Student insurance.

Students need to arrive at the Academy at 04:30 am and make their way to the Elis Theatre to register. We will be leaving promptly at 04:40 am. Students will then be taken to and from the venue by coach. Our crossing from Folkstone will be at 07.20 am and our crossing back from Calais at 8.20 pm. We are hoping to return to the Academy by approximately 10.00 pm (traffic permitting) when students will be dismissed. Alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child's journey home from school.

During the day we will stop for lunch, this will be a packed lunch. We will have some sandwiches but I would advise that students bring snacks for the day as we will not be stopping in any shops in France. We will, however, stop on the journey back to the Academy for McDonalds, this will be quite late in the evening.

To reserve a place for your child I would ask that you to complete and return the consent form below to Student Services by **Wednesday 11 January 2024**, with confirmation that you have paid a **£20.00 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 25 places left available) so students will be allocated on a first-come, first serve basis, although places will be considered, dependent upon their attendance, behaviour and academic record. Students who do not meet the requirements for the trip will unfortunately not be allowed to participate. The visit is open to all current year 10 students. **The closing date for full payment will be 12 February 2024.** There will be a meeting at the Academy to discuss further details regarding this visit in due course.

I hope that you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and look forward to receiving your signed consent form and non-refundable deposit by **Wednesday 11 January 2024**. 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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REPLY SLIP

KS4 HISTORY TRIP- WWI BATTLEFIELD FRIDAY 08 MARCH 2024.

I give permission for _____ (student name) to attend the History Trip to the WWI Battlefield Tours on Friday 08 March 2024.

Any medical conditions/food allergies _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Number _____

*I will arrange to collect my child from school from The Gateway Academy @ 10.00pm ☐

*I enclose herewith my child's deposit of £20.00 by cash ☐ I have paid via ParentPay ☐

(*please tick as appropriate)

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)

(Please return completed slip to Student Services by Wednesday 11 January 2024)