



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The History Department is proposing to run a trip to the First World War Battlefields from Tuesday 4 June to Friday the 7 June 2024. The tour will focus on the Somme region and the Ypres salient. Variations of this trip have taken place for a number of years and each year it has proven very popular. It includes several museums, battlefields and cemeteries. The tour is 4 days with a lot of travelling and early starts. The students will be expected to work on the trip and need to appreciate that this is not a holiday.

Although the trip is not compulsory, it is valuable for the study of the First World War, which is a major component of Paper 1 - Conflict in the Modern World at GCSE. A detailed itinerary of the tour is still being developed. We will travel to the Somme region and stay for a night, followed by two nights in Ypres. The outline cost of the tour is approximately £480, however the tour company impose a sliding scale of charges, so this will depend very much on our numbers, and may be slightly less if we fill a coach (up to 44 students). Should you wish your child to experience this trip, we request that you make a voluntary contribution of £480. If insufficient contributions are received, the trip will not be able to take place.

Financial support may be available for children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) or who are not eligible for FSM but are experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like to apply for assistance in confidence, then please contact Mrs Sophie Iredale, Senior Finance Assistant [payments@crossleyheath.org.uk].

We need to pay an initial deposit of £100 deposit per child to secure this booking by Friday 27 October (October half term). All payments for this trip should be paid by this date please through the ParentPay facility. Log on to www.parentpay.com and click on the Trip Heading. Y10 Battlefields Trip 2024. Please note that by paying a deposit, you are committing to paying for the trip in full as the school will be committed to paying for all places booked with tour operators. The payment schedule is as follows:

Payment Amount	Deadline
£100 deposit	27 th October
£150	8 th December
£100	9 th February
£100	12 th April

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Participation in the visit is conditional upon satisfactory behaviour during the period leading up to the visit. The school also reserves the right to withdraw a student at any time where there are particular concerns. Please be aware that the Year 10 Geography (Iceland) and RS (Rome) visits are also running during this week, therefore, if your son/daughter studies another humanities subject, they should choose which visit they want to go on, if any at all.

If you have any queries about the tour, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Davies
Department Leader – History