



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 18th March 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Wadham School Trip to Belgium and France, Sunday 29.10 to Wednesday 01.11.23

Wadham are really excited to announce a trip to Belgium and France next academic year for students who are presently in Year 9 or Year 10. The same trip ran last year giving Wadham students a wonderful opportunity post-COVID to experience and be educated in this historic region of Europe.

Although the trip will take in many sites related to WWI and would therefore be the perfect opportunity for History students to enhance their learning, (WWI and the western front is a key feature of the Medicine Through Time unit studied at GCSE) this is also a great opportunity to practice student's language skills.

Ultimately, **it is a trip open to anyone who thinks they can take something positive from the experience.**

Key details:

- 4 days and 3 nights
- Full board accommodation in shared en-suite rooms
- Coach travel with return channel crossings
- The provisional cost is approximately £380 per pupil. The price is dependent on how many students sign up. If 44 students do not sign up the travel company may increase the price very slightly.
- Based on the price, the following payments would be required: (1) £150 deposit due by 2nd May (2) £115 by 1st June and (3) £115 by 1st July.
- Students will require their own passports (**at the time of travel all UK passports must have 6 months of validity left**). The passport office is currently reporting delays in returning new passports so please bear this in mind once a student has signed up for the trip.
- All staff and students will conduct a COVID test at school before boarding the coach. It is important that at this stage we emphasise that a positive test would mean going on the trip would not be possible. We know this would be disappointing - but ultimately, we know that all parties will be understanding with many miles to be covered by coach. The company that we will book with have insurance to cover this – a PCR confirmation test will be required to claim back the cost of the trip – this will be the responsibility of the parent / carer to follow the procedure set out by the insurance company for this.



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Sample Itinerary includes

- Passchendaele Museum for the British Dugout and German Trench Experience.
- Tyne Cot British Cemetery (largest commonwealth cemetery).
- Visit to the Somme, including Vimy Ridge underground tunnels tour.
- Essex Farm Dressing Station and the restored Yorkshire Trench.
- Leonidas Chocolate Shop.

If your son or daughter is interested in this trip please could you complete the reply slip below and return it to school, inclusive of the deposit, by **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**.

If you would like to contact us to discuss any of the above please feel free to email me: ncassidy@wadhamschool.co.uk

Yours Sincerely



Nolan Cassidy
Lead Teacher History

Belgium and France Trip October 2023

Pupil's name..... Form.....

I wish to reserve a place for my son/daughter/ward on this trip.

Name: Signature:

Deposit Payment: Cash Cheque IPay

Please return this completed slip by **2/5/2023** to **the Finance Office**