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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 9 History Trip: First World War Battlefields 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

I am writing regarding a planned trip in spring 2027 to Belgium and France.

In History lessons, Year 8 study World War One with a specific focus on both the Somme and trench warfare. Year 8 have recently completed an enrichment day looking at the structures of trenches and life on the frontline. In English lessons in Year 9 students study the words of this 'Total War' as reflected in poetry of the time. Year 9 continues with this study, focusing on the impacts of war on the social, political and international climates in society. We have therefore arranged a trip to both the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium where students can bring their learning in these subjects to life. The trip is open to current Year 8 who will be Year 9 next year.

Places we will visit during our trip include the following:

- Essex Farm Cemetery
- Langemark Cemetery
- Menin Gate & the Last Post Ceremony
- Hooze Crater Museum
- Tyne Cot British Cemetery
- Poperinge Shot at Dawn (Death Cells)
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- Newfoundland Memorial Park
- Serre Road Cemetery
- Lochnagar Crater
- Thiepval Memorial, Visitor Centre & Museum

The trip will depart straight after school on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March and return on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2027. Travel will be by coach and ferry (possibly Channel Tunnel should we be able to secure a place) and students will be expected to be aware of the rules of travel, including the use of seatbelts. Students will be expected to attend in appropriate non-school uniform including appropriate footwear and a raincoat and wellies should weather be inclement. Students will need to be collected from school on arrival back in Hove.

The suggested contribution for this trip is approximately £452 depending on student uptake, which includes the cost of the activities, full board at the hotel, and all transport costs. Financial assistance may be available for students in receipt of free school meals; please contact [finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk), in confidence, for further information. We ask that a non-refundable deposit of £100 to be paid by 4<sup>th</sup> May in order to secure a place for your child, payable on ParentPay.



The instalments will be as follows:

- £100 due by 4<sup>th</sup> May
- £100 due by 4<sup>th</sup> June
- £100 due by 4<sup>th</sup> July
- £100 due by 4<sup>th</sup> September
- £52 (depending on places taken) due by 4<sup>th</sup> October

This trip is open to all students in Year 9 (currently in Year 8) but there are a limited number of 48 spaces available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please also note, as with any school trip, that if there are concerns about a student's behaviour and ability to follow staff instructions they will be removed from the trip and monies already paid will not be refunded.

We are very much looking forward to running this trip in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cager  
*Head of History*