



15th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

C8 Belgium residential; 6th June - 8th June 2027

Deadline for response Monday 21st September 9:00am

We are excited to offer Cohort 8 the opportunity to visit the Belgium Battlefields on a three-day residential from 6th June - 8th June 2027. This will be the third time that we have offered this trip and we have been increasing the capacity over the last two years due to demand. For 2027 we have been able to secure accommodation to take 110 C8 learners.

This fantastic History trip to Ypres and the Somme will give learners the opportunity to experience the living conditions in the trenches for themselves. They will be able to put themselves in the soldiers' shoes in the battlefields of the Ypres Salient and the Somme, enabling them to better understand the destructive power, waste and futility of war. The events of the 1916 Battle of the Somme will be brought to life for learners as they follow the Circuit of Remembrance, taking part in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Other highlights include the interactive In Flanders Fields museum, and the British Dugout Experience and German trench system at the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917.

The learners depart *very* early on Sunday 6th June and crossing by ferry to Calais, before making their way to Ypres. The accommodation is the Ypres Lodge which caters for school groups and is ideally situated to access the historical sites. The booking is full board in multi-bedded rooms for learners.

The cost of the trip is **£345** which includes all transport, accommodation, catering and visits. As we have a fixed number of places for this trip of 110, we are asking families to complete an expression of interest by Monday 21st September at 9am. We will then randomise the list of learners interested in taking part and will offer to the first 110 learners on the list. In the event of there being interest from more than 110 families, the remaining learner will be placed on a waiting list. If you would like to express an interest for your child to attend, please complete the google form on the link below – if we do not receive your form by the deadline stated, we will assume you are not interested in your child attending this trip.

Could you kindly complete this form by 9:00am on 21st September 2026:-

<https://forms.gle/JEgHkpcicGyaKyI8>

Should your child be selected for the trip, once the list has been randomised, an offer letter will be sent. A deposit of £65 will be payable by the 2nd October to secure their place. Failure to secure the place by the deadline with the deposit will result in the offer being revoked and an alternate child will be offered the place from the waiting list. (We have deadline to meet to secure the accommodation with tour operator.)

If you have any questions about the visit to Belgium, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

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