

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to announce that Fareham Academy is organising a one-day international educational visit to the battlefields of France and Belgium on Friday 13th June 2025. This trip will enhance students' understanding of the Western Front in the First World War, which is essential for the Historic Environment section of the GCSE History Medicine paper.

This trip is open to **Year 10 GCSE History students**. We are looking for students who are positive role models and would represent Fareham Academy well as ambassadors on this visit.

Travel Information & Passport Requirements

- Students will travel by **coach** to **Dover**, take a **ferry** to **France**, and then continue by **coach** into **Belgium**.
- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child has a **valid passport**.
- The passport must be **valid for at least three months after the trip date** (i.e., until at least 13th September 2025).
- Please inform the Academy if your child holds a non-EU passport.
- Students should have a current GHIC card or follow the link below to apply for the GHIC card: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

The total cost of the trip is **£120**. The trip will go live on Parentpay on Tuesday 25th February 2025 and to secure a place on this trip, full Payment is to be made through Parentpay by 01 April 2025. Please note that there are **47 places** and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please also complete the mandatory information required - your child's details, Medical Form, GHIC, Passport Details and contact details on ParentPay.

Should you require financial assistance please contact Mrs Walker on l.walker@fareham-academy.co.uk

What to Bring?

- A packed lunch for the day. We will not be stopping for an evening meal, but students are able to purchase hot food during the free time allotted for Ypres city centre. Alternatively, you can provide them with a second packed meal.
- Approximately €25 for an additional food and/or souvenirs.
- Appropriate clothing for weather (e.g., a waterproof jacket, sun hat).
- Suitable footwear (e.g., old trainers or walking shoes) for outdoor visits to battlefield sites.
- A spare pair of shoes/trainers to change into for the coach journey.
- Personal devices (e.g., mobile phones, tablets) – These are permitted, but students are responsible for them in case of loss or damage.

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The Academy follows travel advice set by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office including safety and security whilst travelling abroad. In the unlikely event that travel is not advised, travel insurance policies exclude such cancellations and therefore no refund will be provided.

In the event of a cancellation of the trip, an admin fee of £10 will be charged which is out of our control.

Please note that a good behaviour record in school is essential for the success and safety of trips. The school will reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip. In instances where students' behaviour in school raises concerns about the safety of the trip, a refund will not be paid unless a replacement on the trip can be found.

If you have any further questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at m.johns@fareham-academy.co.uk

We look forward to providing this valuable learning experience for our students.

Yours faithfully

Ms M Johns
Head of Humanities

ITINARY (This may be subject to slight change. Any changes will be communicated in good time prior to the trip)

Morning Departure

05:00 – Arrive at school
05:15 – Coach departs

Journey to France

08:15 – Arrive at Dover Eastern Docks
09:45 – Ferry departs for Calais

Arriving in France

12:15 (GMT+1) – Arrive in Calais

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Visiting Key Sites

13:30 (GMT+1) – Visit Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Address: Boescheepseweg 35A, 8970 Poperinge, Belgium
14:00 – Depart for a short drive to Zonnebeke
14:25 - 15:25 – Visit Passchendaele Museum
Address: Berten Pilstraat 5A, 8980 Zonnebeke, Belgium
15:35 – Depart Zonnebeke and transfer to Tyne Cot Cemetery
15:50 - 16:20 – Visit Tyne Cot Cemetery
Address: Vijfwegestraat, 8980 Zonnebeke, Belgium
16:20 – Depart for Hill 62
16:35 - 17:25 – Visit Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood Museum)
Address: Canadalaan 26, 8902 Ieper, Belgium
17:25 – Depart for Ypres city centre

Free Time in Ypres

17:35 - 18:35 – Free time in Ypres

- Opportunity to visit a chocolate shop
- Visit the Menin Gate Memorial
- Menin Gate Address: Menenstraat, 8900 Ieper, Belgium

18:35/40 – Depart Ypres for Calais

Return Journey

19:50 – Arrive in Calais
20:50 – Eurotunnel train departs to Folkestone
20:25 (GMT) – Arrive in Folkestone, UK
20:30 – Depart Folkestone for Fareham
23:30 – Arrive back at school

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