

March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

History Trip to Somme Battlefields 2022

The History Department is organising a three-day two-night visit for next year's Year 9 students to visit the Somme Battlefields in Northern France. The trip is designed to fit in with GCSE History. We will be leaving on **Thursday 17 November and returning on Saturday 19 November 2022** and to cover the cost of the trip we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£256** per student. If your child has access to free school meals now or at any time in the last 6 years, they may be able to access funding that will reduce the cost to **£180**. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this. This covers the cost of travel, accommodation, insurance, meals (from Thursday evening and including breakfast on Saturday morning) and entry to a museum. During the three days we will visit a French bakery, Albert Museum, Lochnagar Crater, Thiepval, Beaumont Hamel and a shopping centre. Students must be studying GCSE History to participate in this trip. The following members of staff will be supervising the trip: Ms. Magee, Mr Pyecroft, Mrs Hardy and Mrs Campbell. There will be time of remote supervision during the trip where students will be able to look around exhibits etc. in small groups.

Places are limited to 60 students and will be issued on a first come first served basis. To secure your child's place on the trip, we require a non-refundable deposit of £75 before Friday 15 April 2022. All payments must be made via your child's ParentPay account under History Trip, November 2022. Students will travel on their own passport and must have their own European Health Insurance Card or a Global Health Insurance Card, which can be obtained free online. The rest of the trip should be paid for by the following dates also via parent pay:

Standard payment		Reduced cost payment	
Non-refundable deposit	£75	£52.50p	Date 15 April 2022
Payment	£91	£64	Date 4 July 2022
Final payment	£90	£63.50p	Date: 5 September 2022

Obviously, if your child does not secure a place on the trip, or if we cancel for any reason, we will return your deposit in full. Students will not be permitted to take part in this trip unless they maintain a good behaviour and attendance record. If students have questions about this then they can come and see me for clarification. We will hold an information meeting nearer the time but in the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy lmagee@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

Laurie Magee
History Teacher

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To: Laurie Magee Kingswood Secondary Academy, Gainsborough Road,

Trip to Somme November 2022

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my child to take part in the History/MFL trip to France.

- My child will choose GCSE History
- My child is Pupil Premium

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)