

# COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## GCSE History – Ypres Residential – March 2018

I am writing to inform you of a proposed trip to Belgium planned for **15 - 17 March 2018**. The purpose of the visit is to provide students with a contextual understanding of the First World War, specifically trench warfare and the medical treatments available, as background to their focus on WWI surgery in their GCSE Medicine Through Time course. The residential visit is not, however, essential for the assessment. The idea is purely to provide an enrichment opportunity and non-participants will not be disadvantaged in terms of their GCSE assignment. The trip is only open to present Year 9 students who are following the GCSE History course.

The trip will cost an **estimated £185** (subject to confirmation) and will include coach and EuroTunnel travel and two nights' accommodation (breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals) in Ypres. During our stay, we will visit a number of sites including Tyne Cot cemetery, Essex Farm Dressing station, Hill 60, the Flanders museum and the Hooze Crater, where students will be able to walk through real trenches from the conflict. Additionally we will take part in the Menin Gate ceremony and as a school pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the First World War.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in the visit, please make a £50 non-refundable deposit payment by [ParentPay](#) by 12.00pm on **Friday 17 March 2017**. As part of the payment process you will be asked to give your approval to your son/daughter participating in this visit. The school has to pay a 30% deposit before the Easter break to secure our accommodation.

A schedule of further payments for the balance will be set up as below:

Second payment: £50 by 16 July 2017

Third payment: £50 by 27 October 2017

Final payment: £35 by 15 December 2017

NB: These payments may be adjusted if there is a change to the estimated cost of the trip.

Yours faithfully

*Mrs J Brooker*

Teacher of History