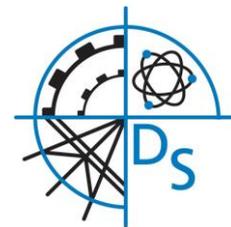


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20 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 History visit to Ypres Battlefields – Friday 2 February 2018

Subject to there being sufficient funds to cover the cost, the History Department is proposing a voluntary visit to the battlefields of Ypres in Belgium on Friday 2 February 2018.

Transport will be by coach and via the Eurotunnel, leaving school at 6.00am and returning at approximately 2.00am the following day. The total suggested contribution is £72.00. Students will be expected to bring a packed lunch for the coach, but dinner will be provided in a restaurant in the evening and is included in the price.

As part of the Year 8 curriculum students have studied the changing nature of conflict and its impact upon society. The specific aim is to create greater empathetic understanding of the conflict through first-hand experience of the battlefields, trenches and graveyards. Included in this visit is: a tour of the famous Tyne Cot and Langemark cemeteries; a visit to the In Flanders Field museum and the interactive Hill 60 Trench museum; a visit to a Belgian chocolate shop and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Please be aware that students will require their own passport and EHIC card for the visit. They will need to bring both documents with them on the day.

There are 88 student places available for this visit which will be **drawn by ballot**. If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please complete the attached parental consent and medical form and return it to Main Reception by 11.00am on Friday 24 November. **Do not include payment at this stage.**

Payment: Where possible, payments should be made via Tucasi, the school's online payment system. If you have not yet set up your account please contact reception to obtain your login details. We will contact you by Tuesday 28 November to confirm that your child has secured a place on the visit and ask you to make your electronic payment of £72.00 by midnight on Wednesday 6 December. Alternatively if you wish to make your payment by cheque or cash, this should be submitted by Wednesday 6 December to the Finance Office; cheques should be made payable to Denefield School.

Financial assistance is available to parents of children who are in receipt of Free School Meals or who have been entitled to them in the last six years. Financial assistance will be given for a maximum of: one day visit (up to 50% cost or £15 maximum) and one residential visit (up to 50% or £150 maximum) per student per year. The application form can be found on the school website under 'School Life, Trips & Visits'. Alternatively, contact student reception for a hard copy of the application form.

If your child registers for the visit and is then unable to attend, for whatever reason, we will be unable to refund the cost to you after the school has taken the decision to proceed with the arrangements. The deadline for withdrawal is Wednesday 6 December.

If you require any further information please contact me via the school telephone number or by email: amr@denefield.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Mennear
Standards Leader – History



Making payments for school visits

Paying in money for school visits:

1. Electronic payments can be made via the Tucasi online payment system accessed through the school website. If you require your access details to be re-sent please contact the Finance Office.
2. Students may pay in cheques or cash to the finance office. The office is open at break and lunchtimes every day (10.40am – 11.00am, 1.00pm – 1.40pm). Payments cannot be accepted outside these times.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Denefield School' and the student's name, tutor group and title of the visit should be written on the back of the cheque.

Alternatively parents/carers may send cheques via the post. Envelopes should be addressed to:

The Finance Office (visits)
Denefield School
Long Lane
Tilehurst
Reading
RG31 6XY

Receipts will be issued to students for all payments received.

Student conduct on field trips/school visits

Students are expected to behave appropriately and within the guidelines laid down by the responsible member(s) of staff. The staff are acting *in loco parentis* and impose clear and fair rules upon the students in order to achieve a safe environment for all.

Students must:

- obey any rules or instructions given by staff and act in a careful and responsible manner
- follow any safety procedures explained to them
- report to members of staff at the required times. If students are to be allowed to spend some time without direct supervision by staff, then the time period will be short and students will check in at a regular time and place. Older students may be allowed a longer interval between reporting times. All students will be made aware of where and when to report.
- on a residential visit, be in bed at a specified time depending on their age. All students will be expected to be in their own rooms and quiet by a specified time.
- behave in a way that does not disturb other people. This may require quiet, sensible behaviour when stipulated.
- behave in a way that does not endanger themselves or any others.

We politely request that disturbance for our neighbours is minimised when parents/carers are dropping off or picking up students outside of core school hours.

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Parental consent and medical form (off-site activities)



To the Parent/Carer

Please find attached to this form information regarding an off-site activity, which is planned from this school. Would you please examine that information and, if you wish your child to attend, complete, sign and return the top copy of this form to the person in charge of the activity as soon as possible.

Student name: _____ Tutor group: _____
NHS number: (if known) _____ Date of birth: _____
Address: _____

Telephone numbers at which parents/carers can be contacted in case of emergencies:

Is your child currently undergoing medical treatment? If so please give details:

Please give details of any medical conditions that might possibly affect your child's performance or safety on this activity:

Please give family doctor's name and address: _____

Does your child have any special dietary needs/food allergies? _____

Statement

I acknowledge receipt of the information regarding the proposed visit/activity stated below:

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and consent to my child, named above, participating. I am willing to make the suggested contribution of £72.00, as per the payment methods overleaf.

My intended method of payment is: Cash/cheque Online

I will be applying for financial assistance (further details and an application form are available on our website or via student reception).

I agree to members of staff giving permission for my child to receive appropriate medical treatment in an emergency.

I undertake to inform the teacher in charge of the activity in the event of any changes in my child's fitness prior to the date of departure.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed. I have read through the information overleaf and my child agrees to abide by the code of conduct described. The legal liability of the School Governors, the Headteacher and staff throughout the school visit will be exactly the same as it is when my child is at school.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate relationship to child: _____