

BISHOP'S HATFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL

October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 Residential Visit – Battlefields, Belgium and France Wednesday 17th - Thursday 18th July 2019

As part of Discovery Week, we have planned to repeat the extremely successful visit to the World War I battlefields that the History Department has run for pupils in the past. The trip will take place in the area around Ypres in Belgium and the Somme in France.

The programme will be very full and will take place over two days, including visits to Ypres and the battlefield memorials both in Flanders and on the Somme. We feel this is a worthwhile and valuable experience giving pupils a chance to reflect on an important episode in the past. The pupils who participated in the last battlefields trip found it a truly moving and memorable experience and we were able to reunite girls with the names of their ancestors found engraved on the Menin Gate memorial.

Proposed Itinerary:

Day 1 - Wed 17th July 2019 - The Ypres Salient

0530 Depart School

0850 Outbound Shuttle

1030 Arrive France (local time)

1130 **Arrive Ypres Salient, to include:** Essex Farm Cemetery and Advanced Dressing Station, Langemark German Cemetery, Vancouver Corner 1st use of poisonous gas on the Salient, Tyne Cot and Memorial Museum and recreated trench system Passchendaele

18.30 Dinner at a restaurant and chocolate shopping in Ypres

2000 Last Post Ceremony and laying of the school remembrance wreath by two students at the Menin Gate

2030 Depart for accommodation: ibis Lille Lomme Centre, 576 Avenue de Dunkerque, 59160 Lomme-lez-Lille, France.

Day 2 - Thursday 18th July 2019 - The Somme

0830 Depart accommodation

1030 **Arrive Somme, to include:** Sunken Lane – Battle of the Somme, Newfoundland Memorial Park (preserved trench system), Ulster Tower, Lochnagar Crater, Thiepval Memorial to the Missing (Reflection)

1200 Lunch at Ocean Villas Teas Rooms with Show and Tell - weaponry and dress in uniform and gas masks from the Great War

1730 Depart Somme
2120 Inbound Shuttle
2100 Arrive UK (local time)
2300 Arrive school (approx.)

The cost of the 2 day, 1 night visit (assuming no significant change in the exchange rate), will be **£221**. This will cover travel by an air-conditioned coach with DVD player, return crossings by Eurostar Shuttle, one night's board and accommodation (i.e. bed, continental breakfast in a hotel, packed lunch and evening meal) and health insurance for the whole period of the trip.

All girls travelling will need to have their **own passports**. Please apply for, or renew passports as soon as possible to avoid any last minute problems. Passports should be valid for 6 months after the date of the trip. **Any girl travelling on a non-UK passport is responsible for obtaining any additional travel documents required.**

Please note there are limited places available. **In order to be considered for a place on this residential trip, a non-refundable deposit of £75 is required by Monday 3rd December 2018.** The balance of the residential trip is payable in 3 instalments by February 21st, March 21st and April 21st 2019. Alternatively, the total cost of the trip can be paid in full by Monday 4th December.

- i) A £75 initial deposit by 4th December 2018
- ii) A further £48 by 21st February 2019
- iii) A further £48 by 21st March 2019
- iv) The remaining £50 to be paid by 21st April 2019

All payments should please be made via WisePay.

Yours sincerely

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Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School Terms and Conditions for Residential Trips

Participation in residential trips is dependent on:

- Pupil of attendance of above 95% unless the absence is authorised by the school;
- An outstanding level of behaviour.

In the unlikely event that your daughter is unable to go on the trip due to illness, or any other insured event, supporting evidence will need to be submitted to the school Finance Office so that an insurance claim can be made.

If an amount for cancellation/amendment is charged by the Travel Company, this will be deducted from any refund paid.

If your daughter **chooses to withdraw** from the trip for any other reason, a refund will only be possible if another pupil is able to take her place.

In the instance where a trip with limited spaces is oversubscribed a ballot for places will take place and be supervised by a member of the leadership team.

Failure to adhere to the payment schedule may result in your daughter being withdrawn from the trip.