



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Battlefields Visit to Belgium and France Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020

We are very pleased to offer 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 that 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 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – The Ypres Salient

0545 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: Mercure Lille Metropole, 157 Avenue De La Marne 59700 Marcq En Baroeul, Lille, France

#### Day 2 – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – The Somme

0830 Depart accommodation

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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 **£230**. 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 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.**

**In order to be considered for a place on this residential trip, a non-refundable deposit of £75 is required by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** The balance of the residential trip is payable in 3 instalments by February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> 2020. Alternatively, the total cost of the trip can be paid in full by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

- i) A £75 initial deposit by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- ii) A further £55 by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
- iii) A further £50 by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- iv) The remaining £50 to be paid by 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Payment of this amount is voluntary, but the reality is that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are made to cover costs, the trip will not take place. Please make payment of the deposit or full amount via WisePay by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. 50% of the cost of the trip will automatically be met by the school for pupils in receipt of free school meals.

Please note there are limited places available. *Only those pupils for whom we have received parent/carer permission and payment of deposit/full amount by the deadline of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 will be considered for a place. If pupil numbers exceed the number of places available, then a ballot will be held. Those unsuccessful in the ballot will receive a full refund and be given priority in the next school visit available to them.* If we do not receive payment by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019, we will assume that you do not wish your daughter to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Maisey  
**Subject Leader for History**

## **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.