

Ypres, Belgium Trip Friday 21st June 2024

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Teacher in charge: Ms Newton, Curriculum Leader, History

Staff: Ms Johnson, Head of Year 9; Ms Ley, Head of Year 8; Ms Kristiansen

Mr Wilson, Principal

School mobile for emergencies 07415 779 745

Timings for the day

04:15 Meet at school

05:15 Depart school to travel to the ferry crossing on the coach.

08:25 Channel crossing via ferry, arrive France **11:00** local time.

12:00 Arrive Ypres – complete tour of sites and museums.

15:00 Back to Ypres for sights, shopping, and food as required.

17:30 Depart Ypres, for **21:05** ferry crossing, arriving UK **21:35** (local time).

23:45 Arrive school, approximate time.

Tour information

- Tyne Cot - Remembrance CWGC Cemetery
- Sanctuary Wood and Hill 62
- Langemarck Germany Cemetery
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917
- The Menin Gate
- Ypres town

Clothing

Students wear their own clothes but these must be appropriate for the nature of the trip. We will be visiting cemeteries, trench reconstructions, and doing lots of walking so sensible shoes are required. Although the forecast is for a warm but potentially rainy day the weather in Ypres can be unpredictable. Sanctuary Wood in particular can get muddy if it has been raining. Students will be able to leave items on the coach when on the tour.

Suggested items:

- Jumper
- Light waterproof
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Comfortable shoes

Food

Students should bring sufficient food for the day. You are not allowed to bring any meat or dairy products with you. You can however bring a limited quantity of fruit and vegetables as well as eggs, egg products and honey. Restricted quantities of fish or fish products are also allowed. There will be opportunities to purchase food at the end of the day and on the ferry. Students should ensure they bring plenty of water with them. Free school meals lunches will be provided for those that receive them.

Money

There will be some opportunity to buy food, snacks, and souvenirs in Ypres. If students choose to bring money, they should bring Euros with them. They will be responsible for their money on the trip. We advise that students bring no more than 40 Euros.

Phones

Students may bring phones to use on the journey, to take photographs on the trip, and to contact home if necessary. However, they must ensure that they are not using them when the guides are talking. They must also ensure that they have sufficient battery power for the day. If you have a portable power pack it would be advisable for students to bring one. Students are responsible for their belongings while on the trip.

Medication and first aid

If your child has any regular medication that they take, please make Ms Newton aware of this and ensure that your child brings enough with them for the day. We are aware of any medical issues that are logged on Arbor but **if your child's situation has changed, please let us know**. If your child suffers from travel sickness and has anything to help with this they should bring that too.

Passports

Ms Newton will hold on to all passports for the duration of the trip. These will be collected at the student briefing on **Wednesday** after school. Please ensure that when your child brings in their passport they bring any relevant additional paperwork eg. visa, right to remain.