



Prendergast Hilly Fields College

16 December 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian

History Day Tour to Ypres, Belgium –Thursday 28 June 2012

The History Department is organising a day trip to the First World War battlefield sites of Ypres in Belgium, for Y9 and Y12 students on **Thursday 28 June 2012**. This fits in with Year 9 work on the First World War. The trip will include a guided tour of the trenches and battlefield site, a visit to a museum there and also a visit in the evening to the Menin Gate for the Last Post Ceremony at 8pm to honour the war dead. We have had very successful and enjoyable trips over the last six years. There will be space for 40 pupils in Year 9 and 25 students in Year 12, making a total of 65 altogether.

The trip will start from school by 6 am and return to school by around 11 pm. We will be travelling by coach via the tunnel Shuttle, with a company called Anglia Battlefield Tours Ltd who provide guides. The cost has been kept down to **£65 per head** but this does not include food/drink for the day.

Please ask your daughter to return the reply slip below, if you are interested, to staff in the Finance Office near Reception, together with a £15 deposit (cheques payable to Prendergast Hilly Fields College) by **Wednesday 11 January 2012** – please do *not* return these before the start of term on Wednesday 4th January.

We will put names down on a first come, first served basis - provided we have no concerns about pupils' attitude or behaviour. We may also have to give preference to those who are likely to do History as a GCSE option*. We will have a reserve list for anyone who is not in the first 40 returns and deposits will be returned to anyone not able to go from the reserve list. You can set up a standing order with the school. If there are any problems with payment, please ask your daughter to speak to her history teacher as soon as possible. **The balance of £50 will need to be paid by Monday 23rd April 2012 in the Summer term.** We pay the final balance to the tour company six weeks before the trip.

All students must have a valid **British or European Union passport**. Your daughter will also need a valid **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** which is free: it is quickest to apply online at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers or telephone 0845 606 2030 or get an application form at the Post Office - allow at least 2 weeks for delivery.

Yours sincerely

F Thomson

History Department

REPLY SLIP – HISTORY DAY TRIP TO YPRES Thursday 28 June 2012

Please return to the Finance Office near Reception by Wednesday 11 January 2012.

Name of Y9 student: _____ Form: _____

I have read the details of the letter and would like you to include my daughter's name for this trip. I enclose a deposit of £15 towards the total cost of £65.

*My daughter wants to do GCSE History – YES / MAYBE / NO (Please circle as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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The trip will start from school by 6 am and return to school by around 11 pm. We will be travelling by coach via the tunnel Shuttle, with a company called Anglia Battlefield Tours and two guides. The cost has been kept down to **£65 per head** but this does not include food/drink for the day.

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Name of Y12 student: _____ Form: _____

I have read the details of the letter and would like you to include my son's/daughter's name for this trip. I enclose a deposit of £15 towards the total cost of £65.

*My daughter *did/did not* go on the Ypres trip when she was in Year 9 – delete as applicable.

Signed: _____

Date: _____