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Dear Parents

The History Department is offering a field trip to the battlefields of the Great War in Belgium and France to Year 10 students studying History. They will be able to relate their trip to the exam 'Medicine Through Time' which has a specialist topic titled 'The British Sector of the Western front, 1914-18: Injuries, Treatments and the Trenches. As there is an increased link to the course content for the new GCSE we have tweaked the trip to include more than previous years. The trip also benefits the students with their GCSE English Literature as we will be looking at some of the poetry and locations related to the famous poets.

We are delighted to be able to offer a trip to the Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme which has proved to be the most moving and worthwhile trip available to students at Devizes School.

The trip will be from **Thursday 14th March to Saturday 16th March 2019**, with a provisional itinerary as follows:

- Thursday We will leave early to catch a Eurotunnel crossing to the continent. There will be visits in the Somme area en-route to our hotel in the town of Albert.
- Friday We will then head North West with a visit to Arras and the famous underground Hospital at Wellington Quarry. We will then tour Ypres and attend the Last Post Ceremony before staying overnight in Ypres.
- Saturday Activities will include visits to several more sites in the Ypres area before returning home in the evening.

The total cost of the trip is £242. This price will cover all the meals whilst we are in France and Belgium and the visits above, but there will inevitably be additional costs for meals, drinks and snacks en-route, as well as spending money. Students will also need their own passport and EHI card, which we will need to see before departure. I am seeking voluntary contributions from parents/carers to cover the cost of travel, accommodation, food and other activities. The trip will not be able to run if there are insufficient contributions paid.

The first **NON-RETURNABLE** deposit of **£62** will be required by **Friday 21st September**, with subsequent payments being due as follows:

Second Payment of £60	Monday 8 th October
Third Payment of £60	Monday 5 th November
Fourth Payment of £60	Monday 3 rd December

Payments should be made via the ParentPay online facility. This will include your consent for your child to attend the trip. If you have yet to activate your account and have mislaid the password and user name details previously sent please contact Mrs E Soellner at isoellner@devizes.wilts.sch.uk and she can email you the information that you need.

As with any school trip, normal school rules apply. Students may be given free time to explore and will need to manage this as responsibly and safely as they do at school. The School also reserves the right to exclude a student from the trip if their behaviour is poor in school leading up to departure – this could result in a complete loss of monies as the trip will have been paid for.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT - Please be aware that this is a very popular trip and numbers are limited. We would dearly love to take every single student in Year 10 but this is just not logistically and financially possible for the school. Places will be offered on a ballot system. There will be a reserve list for those who do not get a place initially. We will of course return deposits to any student who might not get a place.

We look forward to your reply. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you would like to discuss the trip further.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Strickland
Associate Assistant Headteacher

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To the Finance Department, Devizes School

I give my permission for my son/daughter _____ 10 _____ to go on the Battlefields trip to Ypres and the Somme and I have paid the deposit by ParentPay. I also agree to pay the remaining instalments by 3rd December 2018.

Signed _____ (Parent)

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