



November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am pleased to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to visit the Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This trip is an invaluable opportunity for students to see first-hand the battle sites of the First World War and is a unique way to enrich their learning in the classroom by making history real. Students will visit the Lochnagar Crater, Hooge Museum, Wellington Quarry Tunnels, the Somme Battlefields, Tyne Cote and Langemarck War Grave cemeteries and Vimy Ridge to name but a few places of interest. Students will also participate in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres which will provide an opportunity to reflect on their experiences during the trip. There will also be an opportunity for students to visit one of Belgium's delights- the chocolate shop. We will also have a specialist tour guide accompanying us on the visit. The trip compliments the Year 9 History syllabus and one of the GCSE modules taught which is Medicine on the Western Front and so would be ideal for students considering GCSE History as an option.

We are pleased to offer this all-inclusive trip for the price of £362.50. This will comprise of all travel, accommodation, food, and insurance, and will cover the plethora of activities on offer.

There are 45 places available and these will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis. Places on this trip are taken up very quickly so if you would like to reserve a place for your son/daughter, please return a reply slip and a non-refundable deposit of £62.50 no later than **30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. Following this, there will be subsequent payments of £60 on the following dates:

- **07/02/22**
- **22/03/22**
- **26/04/22**
- **26/05/22**
- **28/06/22**

*Methods of payment are as follows and will be available from 10 am on Thursday 11th November 2021.*

Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website

To do this you should go to <http://langtreeschool.com> and click on the SCOPAY icon on the front page.

If you don't have your pupil link code contact finance who can give you the code.

If you have any query or difficulty with payment, please contact the finance office at [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)

<b>When?</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>Where?</b>	Ypres & the Somme Battlefields trip
<b>Leaving school at:</b>	time to be confirmed - 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>To be collected from school at:</b>	time to be confirmed, 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>School uniform:</b>	No
<b>Cost:</b>	£362.50

If at this stage you need more time to assess the cost of the trip but would still like your child to be considered for a place, or if your child is eligible for pupil premium, then please contact the finance team by phoning the school or email: [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)

As you may well be aware, the school has a twitter account which we use to provide updates to parents of all residential trips out of school. Please follow us @head4094 to receive important news bulletins from the trip leaders via twitter. Updates will also be posted on the school website.

Registering your child on this trip represents a commitment that they will take part in this trip. Trips require extensive planning, organisation and careful costing based on the number of students participating. It is not therefore possible for students to withdraw from a trip having previously made a commitment to take part. All monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip when there are concerns about behaviour, attendance or attitude. The full balance of the trip must be paid prior to the trip taking place.

All trips and visits involving students from Langtree School are always planned and risk assessed extremely carefully, in order to ensure the highest level of safety for our students as we possibly can.

While we will continue to offer learning in 'the outdoor classroom' as we always have done so at Langtree, I would want to assure parents that we have reviewed all of our arrangements accordingly and that we will do everything in our control to ensure that all students participating on a trip can do so with a sense of safety, confidence and enjoyment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarvis  
Trip Leader

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### CONSENT FORM

Ypres and the Somme Battlefields Trip  
Mrs Nia Jarvis

Student Name:		Tutor Group:	
I give permission for my son / daughter to visit Ypres and the Somme Battlefields on 18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2022			
I have paid using a credit or debit card via the school website (please return this permission slip to the school office). I agree to pay the full amount owing for the trip either by following the stage payment dates, or in full before the date of the trip, or through a payment plan agreed with the finance department.			
Signed:		Relationship to student:	