



22/09/25

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to join us on a residential trip to the Battlefields of France from **4th - 6th November 2026**. This trip is open to all pupils in Year 8 in 2025. 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.

We will be traveling with the tour operator Zeitgeist, included in the cost of the trip is:

- 2 nights' bed and breakfast hostel accommodation.
- Ferry Crossing
- An evening meal on day 1 and day 2.
- A packed lunch and evening meal on day 2 and day 3.
- Visits and any entrance fees to the sites.
- The professional services of 2 Zeitgeist Tours Guide.
- Insurance specifically designed for groups
- ATOL Protection (ATOL Number 6512)
- Students will not need more than 40 Euros spending money

There will be 50 places available for this trip. **The cost of the trip is £511.**

We request the deposit should be paid no later than **18th October**. Failure to pay the deposit on time could result in your child losing their place on the trip. Following this, payments can be made monthly following the payment schedule below:

£63 (Deposit)	18/10/2025	£64	23/03/2026
£64	26/11/2025	£64	27/04/2026
£64	23/01/2026	£64	20/05/2026
£64	25/02/2026	£64	24/06/2025

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

Method of payment is as follows:

- Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website
- To do this you should go to the payments page on the school website <https://langtreeschool.com/payments/> and click on the SCOPAY icon. If you don't have your pupil link code, contact finance who can give you the code.
- If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: finance@langtreeschool.com

Please be aware that when travelling your child will require a passport:

- issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

Your child will also need to have his / her EHIC / GHIC card - the card is FREE. Please visit [this website](#) for more information on how to obtain one.

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 full balance of the trip must be paid prior to the trip taking place.

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. If booking a place on this trip please take a moment with your child to go to our website and look at our [Code of Conduct](#) for trips and visits. Booking a place on this trip implies agreement with this document.

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, we 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

Nia Jarvis
Trip Leader