



Dear Parent/Carer,

WW1 Battlefields Tour 2017

Following on from our recent successful visit to the World War One battlefields in France and Belgium earlier this year, it is proposed to arrange another visit over the weekend of **17 February to 19 February 2017**.

The visit includes a tour of all the major World War One battlefields and an in-depth and personal study of life in the trenches, complimenting studies done in Year 9 and at GCSE. Students will learn about the fighting that took place on fields across France and Belgium, conditions in the trenches, and how soldiers and the war are remembered today. We will visit museums, battlefield sites, cemeteries and other places of interest.

This year's tour proved very rewarding and moving and was an incredible and memorable experience for all. The tour is led by an experienced historian and former Head of History who spends half the year in France and Belgium either on tour or organising sites for us to visit. You can see some of the photos and a full report of this year's tour on our website at www.kevi.org.uk/school-news. The students' video can also be seen on KEVI TV which launches on Friday 17th June.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this visit, please return the attached parental consent form and initial deposit by **Friday 8th July 2016** to enable the visit arrangements to be completed and confirmed. Details regarding costs, transport, requirements etc. are detailed overleaf. All deposits paid are non-refundable. Please ensure all monies paid into school are in an envelope, clearly marked with the name of the visit and your child's name. All cheques should be made payable to "King Edward VI High School".

If you have any questions, please visit the WW1 Battlefields Tour page at www.kevi.org.uk and follow the links, or contact myself or the Leader of Humanities in school; Miss Tickell – tickell.d@kevi.org.uk.

Thank you for your time,

Mr D Lomas
Lead Teacher in History
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INFORMATION

Transport

We will be travelling by coach and ferry. Your child will be expected to be responsible enough to wear any seatbelt provided until informed it may be released.

Residential Visits

This visit is an optional extra and supports the school curriculum. No pupil or student will miss any compulsory or statutory element of their education if they do not attend. To fund this visit we ask for contributions of **£240.00**. These contributions will cover:

- A. Travel
- B. Board and lodging
- C. Tuition and / or instruction
- D. A contingency fund for emergency and unforeseen expenses
- E. Other costs as visit demands

We understand this is a large sum to ask for so we propose that payments be made in the following instalments:

Date	Amount
8 July 2016	£50 deposit
7 October 2016	£100
13 January 2017	£90

Financial Support

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium funding, they may be eligible for funding for this visit. Please contact the School Office (office@kevi.org.uk) for more details.

Participant Behaviour

Participants attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour becomes unacceptable after the trip has been booked may be excluded or required to return home early and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of their parents.

Residential Visit Needs

All participants will need clothing suitable for the time of year and length of the visit.

ALL students will need:

- ✓ An individual full and valid Passport (to cover the dates of the visit)
- ✓ A valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
 - see <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>
- ✓ Suitable clothing for cold weather (including boots/wellington boots for muddy areas and a change of shoes for the coach)

Notification of medical conditions or special needs

Advance warning is needed of any participants with special medical or other needs to ensure all health and safety considerations have been made. Parents must inform the school of any relevant medical or other needs on the visit consent form. Residential visits require an Education Service Medical Form to be completed not more than seven days prior to the start of the visit. **This must be returned during the week before the visit and no participant may join the visit unless this form has been received.** Notification of dietary needs for sound medical, ethical or religious reasons must also be made. These forms will be distributed at a later date.

Visit Programme

The visit will include the attached programme of activities.

Insurance Provided

All bona fide educational visits by Staffordshire schools are covered by the county council's public liability insurance, as are all in-school activities. This visit is considered to have only normal everyday risks and no further insurance has been provided.

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR WW1 BATTLEFIELDS TOUR 2017

Please complete this form and return it to the School Office by 8th July 2016

1. **Visit to** WW1 Battlefields.

From **Friday 17th February 2017** To **Sunday 19th February 2017**

2. **Medical details.** My son/daughter has the following medical or special needs.

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*I understand that for residential visits I must complete and return a medical form, with up to date details, **not more than fourteen days before the visit.***

3. **Dietary details.** My son/daughter has the following dietary needs.

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4. **Insurance.** I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

5. **Transport.** I understand the transport arrangements for this visit and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.

6. **Return to Home.** I understand the predicted time of return will be made clear closer to the visit and where this is outside normal school hours I will attend to collect my son/daughter or my son/daughter will be returning home by..... Our predicted time is around 10.30pm on Sunday 19th February 2017.

7. **Financial Contribution.** I am willing to make a contribution of £..... which I either A) Enclose or B) Commit to pay by the advised dates.

8. **Photographs.** Photographs taken on the visit may be used in school or promotional information. Please circle Yes or No.

Yes

No

I agree to my son/daughter attending the visit detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour.

Name of son/daughter Form Group

Signed..... **Date**.....

Person with Parental Responsibility

PROPOSED TOUR ITINERARY 2017

Friday 17th February

- 5.00am approx; Depart from King Edward VI High School (***final times to be confirmed***)
- Travel by ferry to Calais, France
- Visit to Pozieres Memorial (The Somme, France)
- Possible visit to the Arras Memorial
- Travel to hotel accommodation in Albert, France

Saturday 18th February

- Continental Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Ypres, Belgium
- Visit to The Yorkshire Trench
- Sanctuary Wood (***Students will need sturdy footwear, wet & cold weather clothing. Wellington boots are a good idea for Sanctuary Wood and best stored in a separate carrier bag***)
- Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Langemark German Cemetery
- Menin Gate
- Evening meal at restaurant
- Last Post and Remembrance Service at Menin Gate in the evening (3 students to be selected to lay wreath on behalf of King Edward VI High School)
- Return to hotel in Albert

Sunday 19th February

- Continental Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour of the Somme
- Thiepval Memorial
- Lochanger
- Sheffield Memorial Park
- Serre Road Cemetery
- Newfoundland Park Memorial
- Return to Stafford (***times to be confirmed***)

FOOD

- Students will be provided with breakfast (on Saturday and Sunday), lunches (on Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and evening meals (on Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
- Students may bring snacks with them for the journey.
- Students are advised to bring spending money (in Pounds Sterling and Euros) with them to buy snacks and souvenirs etc.
- **Parents/carers should notify staff via medical forms (at a later date) of any dietary requirements or allergies (i.e. vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, nut allergy etc.)**
- Breakfast is self-service in the hotel and includes, fruit juice, cereals, baguette, toast etc.
- Evening meals can include burgers, Spaghetti Bolognese, roast chicken or beef stew plus ice cream or creme caramel for dessert.

CLOTHING

- Students will need sturdy footwear, and wet & cold weather clothing.
- Many of the sites we visit are flat and exposed and therefore can get very cold. Students must come prepared for the outdoors and for potentially cold weather. High heels are not permitted.
- Wellington boots are a good idea for Sanctuary Wood and best stored in a separate carrier bag.

MONEY

- Students are advised to bring spending money for souvenirs, snacks etc.
- Spending money should be in Pounds Sterling and Euros.