

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Ypres Trip - 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Trip Leader: Mr C Flynn

I am organising a Year 8 trip to Ypres, Belgium during the final week of summer this year.

This trip is for 4 days, travelling by coach to Ypres, Belgium. We will leave Ashbourne on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at around 10.00pm, to travel to the Eurostar. We will then travel from Calais to Ypres, stopping en route for breakfast and lunch. We will then have 4 days of activities in Ypres, before returning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at approximately 11.30pm.

This trip is specifically linked to the topic: The First World War 1914-18, which all students will be studying in class during the summer term. This trip will be particularly useful for those students who will be taking history at GCSE, we hope it will give them a better understanding of the context of trench warfare that they can then apply to the exams. Our itinerary includes; 'The In Flanders Field Museum', Langemark Cemetery, Essex Farm Cemetery, Passchendaele Memorial Museum, witnessing the last post ceremony, Hill 60, Hoge Crater Museum and Trenches and also one day spent at Bellewaerde theme park in Ypres.

The total cost of the trip is **£355.00** per student, which includes; full board accommodation, insurance, transport, activities and museum entries. If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please make a **non-refundable** deposit payment of £50.00 via the ParentPay system\* by 24<sup>th</sup> January **2020**. Further payments of £77.50 will be required in February, March, April and May. You may pay the outstanding balance at any time up to May. Total payments must be received by 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the latest. We can take a maximum of 70 students and so will operate on a first come first served basis. Please note that ParentPay may close before the payment deadline as soon as the trip is full.

Finally, your child will require a valid passport for this trip.

Should you require further details, please contact me via the main telephone number above and extension number 1235, or by email at [flynn@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:flynn@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr Ciaran Flynn

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