

8th October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Following on from the hugely successful trip to Rome in July, the Humanities Faculty is delighted to offer students from **Year 8 – 13** the opportunity to undertake a study visit to Bruges, Ypres and the Belgian battlefields of WW1, the Somme and a stop off in Delft. The trip will take place **11th- 18th July 2019**. The trip, as well as being hugely culturally enriching, has links to the GCSE History specification where students study British Sector of the Western Front.

The trip will cost **£725** and is being organised by Select School Travel, a nationally recognised provider of school visits abroad. This price includes ferry crossing with DFDS to Amsterdam with students travelling by coach and staying on a **full board basis for most of the trip. Students will need to budget a total of €30 for lunches in Bruges, the Bellewaerde Theme Park and Delft**. The provisional itinerary will include in the price:

- Double cabins on DFDS, buffet dinner on board and packed lunch for the onward journey to Bruges.
- A day stop in Bruges and a visit to the Chocolate Museum
- Full board accommodation in Ypres
- Full day at the Memorial Museum Passchendaele taking part in the Platoon Experience where students live as a WW1 soldier for the day.
- A guided tour to the Ypres battlefields sites, including Essex Farm and Langemark German Cemetery.
- Wreath laying at the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony
- A visit to the Flanders Fields Museum
- A day tour of the Somme commemorating the local fallen at Lochnagar Crater, Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park , Pozieres British Cemetery, Ulster Tower and Thiepval Memorial
- A day at Bellewaerde Theme Park
- An afternoon shopping in Delft

Payment Schedule:

In order to secure a place on this trip, a **non-refundable deposit of £100** needs to be paid by **Friday 20th October**. Places are secured once deposits are received on a first come first served basis. This deposit can be made at student reception by either cash, cheque or ParentPay. You are then welcome to make smaller, regular payments but the deadlines below need to be met in order to meet the payments to the travel agent

Deposit 2: **£100 by 1st December**

Deposit 3: **£525 by 1st March**

We are pleased to inform you that Cardinal Hume Catholic School now has the facility to accept online payments for trips and other school activities. Using a secure website called ParentPay you are able to pay online using your credit or debit card. This can be accessed from the School website and you will by now, have received your ParentPay log in. If you are unable to locate this, please contact the school office for assistance.

Making a payment using your credit or debit card is straightforward. Your card details are not retained by the school. ParentPay holds an electronic record of all online payments for you to view at a later date. When you make a payment, an e-mail confirmation is sent to you, giving you reassurance that the transaction has been successful.

As a reminder please follow instructions below:

Once you have your login details, the system is quick and easy to use:

- Visit www.parentpay.com (<http://www.parentpay.com/>)
- Enter your activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage. N.B. These are for one-time use only, you will choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process.
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account – registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

We thank you in advance for your support in using this service to pay for your child's educational visit.

Please note, your child's place on the trip is dependent upon their continued good behaviour and adherence to the school behaviour policy. If your child fails to live up to the behavioural expectations of the school, the Head of Faculty and Head of House may make the decision to withdraw your child from the trip. No refund will be made in this context, unless a replacement can be found to take up that place. With this in mind, I will be closely monitoring the behaviour in school of those students involved in the visit. If any student is considered to have the potential to jeopardise the success of the visit, then I am afraid that they will be unable to participate and their places will be offered to other students and deposits will not be refunded.

Once we have received your second deposit, you will receive medical forms, and a school visit code of conduct which will need to be returned. Please note, all students coming on the trip will need to have a valid passport with six month's validity from 11th July 2019. Please let me know as soon as possible of any allergies so that I can check these can be safely dealt with when we are away.

A parent's evening will be organised nearer to the trip departure to go over final arrangements, answer any questions you may have, and meet myself and the other school staff who will be accompanying your child on the visit. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please email me on amn@cardinalhume.com.

Yours faithfully

Miss Andrea McGuigan
Head of Humanities and Social Sciences

REPLY SLIP – Visit to the Battlefields 11th – 18th July 2019

I/we, parent/guardian of (full name as it does or will appear on his/her passport)
....., give consent to attend the visit to the battlefields in July 2019.

Signed:

(Parent/guardian)

Date: