

Battlefields

19-22 September 2024



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Welcome and thank you for coming!

SUPER IMPORTANT DATES!

- Battlefields Information Evening
Wednesday 11 September at 6:30pm
- Rooming meeting **Friday 13
September - First lunch Auditorium**
- Last minute “panic” meeting
**Tuesday 17 September - First Lunch
Auditorium**



Thursday 19 September

Come into school in non-uniform.

**Bring your suitcase, and wellies
(+ small rucksack for the bus) R5
COATS NEEDED ON THE BUS!**



PLEASE LABEL ALL LUGGAGES CLEARLY

Wellies in a separate plastic bag so we can easily get to them (NOT in your suitcase!!!).

As soon as the bell goes **after P4 collect suitcase** and go to the bus on the main playground.

Travel to Dover the catch the 19:55 ferry. We buy food on service station or on the ferry! 1:40

Travel from Calais to Mesen Peace Village Hostel (BE)

On the ferry.

We will give you a **meeting place**

where the teachers will be.

Please listen to announcements for when to meet back up.

Keeping to the Rendezvous times is important!!!! (Students will be given laminated emergency cards with emergency contact details! Keep them in your Mobile phone case or save the number !) Please always remain in groups of 3 or more.

Respect other passengers .



At the hotel

I will leave the bus first to go and sort out the rooms.

You will need to collect your suitcase and come into the hotel.

We will make regular inspections of the rooms **and we will expect you to sleep in your rooms at the time you are told. Failure to behave in the hotel will mean punishment for the rest of the trip. ANY PROBLEMS PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

There will be other guests in the hotel and we do not want them to be disturbed.





Four bedded rooms
Bead and Breakfast
Packed Lunch
provided.

Please check all
rooms and
report anything
of importance to
a member of
staff.



Friday 20 September

An early start.



We will have breakfast in the hotel. You will be required to tidy the table after you have finished eating.

You will pick up your Packed Lunches and get on the Bus!

Friday 20 September

Early start! (10 curfew)

Essex Farm Cemetery

Sanctuary Wood Museum

Poperinghe / Death cells

Talbot House,

Walking tour at Ypres where we visit the **Flanders Fields Museum** and have **dinner and free time.**

At 8:00 we will meet at the **Menin Gate** to witness the Last Post ceremony.

Chocolate shop visit!





Saturday 21 September

START TO THE FINISH LINE
Visiting various sites of the Somme



Butte de Warlencourt to Tara-Usna Line

Newfoundland Memorial Park,

**Via the Ulster Tower to Thiepval Memorial to
the Missing**

**Mash Valley – the story of Lieutenant Colonel
Sandys**

Lochnagar Crater, la Boisselle

**‘The Devons’ – Mansel Copse CWGC cemetery,
Mametz (if time)**

Back to the Hotel for hot dinner.

Sunday 22 September

Early start again

Breakfast, pick up lunch and tidy rooms before we leave the hostel. (laundry)

Tyne Cot cemetery, , the largest Commonwealth War Graves

Passchendaele. Vancouver

Crossroads (poison gas attack),

German cemetery at Languemarck and AMVC's tribute to the fallen at Lijssenthoek.



Sunday 22 September

- Ferry from Calais for to Dover
- You will need to buy food on the ferry-no stopping at a service station on the way home. (Meal voucher)
- Arrive at Dover approx 17:35
- Arrive back at AMVC approx 20.00
- **The main bus playground will not be opened until we return. Please do not park on the playground, use the third entrance and leave enough room on the road for the bus to swing in.**
- Please be punctual.

Anything extra?



Every child must bring their passport with them.
We will not leave the playground until we have checked everyone has their passport.

Every child must bring their EHIC card with them. **It will be their responsibility to look after both their passport and EHIC whilst we are on the trip.**

Spending money-up to you! Most people **take around £70-£100 but it depends on if you want to buy souvenirs, presents, chocolate!!**

walking boots are the best footwear.

Medication, travel sickness tablet (handy on the bus, staff can not , will not provide medicine!)

Refillable water bottles!!!

If you have a pound or two to spare, please pack a few tea-bags in your suitcase!

Phone chargers, towels, plug adapters, medicine, cuddly toy.

Air pods /headphones for listening to music on the coach!!!!(Own risk)

Booklet: In the booklet is an emergency phone number. If you are letting

your son/daughter take the booklet with them I would suggest you make a note of this number at home.

All students will be issued with an information card with appropriate phone numbers/addresses of where we are staying.

NO OVERNIGHT BAG NECESSARY

(section 5 booklet)



Behaviour



**75 Students in smaller groups
(report to designated member of staff at meeting points)**

Double Decker executive coach (neck pillows are always a good idea!)

One guide/ You must listen to all instructions and when Neil is talking.

Being respectful

Consequences for Activity Week and future AMVC trips.

ABSOLUTELY NO ENERGY DRINKS !!!!!