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Principal: James Tickle

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ypres – One day Surgery & Treatment on the Weston Front 1914-1918 Trip
Friday 12th October 2018.

To support the GCSE History thematic study, we intend to offer an optional one-day experience to Ypres on **Friday the 12th October 2018**. This trip offers an amazing and unique experience as outlined in the draft itinerary below. Please note the timeline of the trip; it is a packed day! Students will leave The Roundhill Academy at **4:30am** by coach.

During their time in Ypres, they will visit the following areas, Bayernwald trench system, focusing on trenches and the development of warfare. Hill 60, which will focus on the development of mine warfare in the Great War. Railway dugouts, looking at advanced dressing stations and transportation of casualties. Students will also visit the Memorial Museum at Passchendaele and Lijssenthoek CWGC cemetery, where there will be an opportunity to lay a Poppy Wreath before leaving Ypres and arriving back at The Roundhill Academy at approximately **23:30pm**.

This is a hugely popular trip and an incredibly moving experience, as well as being good fun. It also needs to be said that it is a demanding trip and a genuine enthusiasm for History is a must and, of course, the promise of excellent behaviour.

Please visit the tour website for more details:

<http://angliatours.co.uk/tours/surgery-an-d-treatment-on-the-western-front/>

Students will need their own passport, which has an expiry date of more than 6 months from the return date of the trip. An EHIC will also be required. This can be obtained free of charge online only from www.ehic.org.uk or by calling the NHS on 0300 330 1350. This is also a mandatory requirement.

The full cost of the trip is £90.00 per student. This includes guides, entrances to all experiences and transport. Meals are not included in this price.

There are 40 places available, if you wish to request a place for your child please complete the attached slip and return to the school office with the required deposit with your **Child's Name, Tutor Group and "Ypres" on it by Monday 30th April 2018.**

We would be grateful if you could make payment-using ParentPay, which is our preferred method of payment.



Please log onto ParentPay using your unique username and password to make your payment by **Monday 30th April 2018.**

Please see the reverse of this letter if you require Financial Assistance.

Further instalments will be required once a place on the trip has been confirmed.

| PRICE STRUCTURE | Total | Deposit By 30th April 2018 | By 28th May 2018 | By 25th June 2018 |
|---|--------------|--|--|---|
| • Full price | £90 | £30 | £30 | £30 |
| • Eligible for any other benefits (Housing Benefits, Jobseekers Allowance, Tax Credits) | £67.50 | £22.50 | £22.50 | £22.50 |
| • Eligible for Free School Meals | £45 | £15 | £15 | £15 |

Eligibility for Trips and Visits

Students on trips and visits are representing the school publicly and therefore we always consider how students manage themselves within school when considering their place. The criteria we look at are listed below and concerns with any of these areas could result in students either being refused a place or being withdrawn once a place has been offered.

- Have good attendance;
- Have good behaviour;
- Put effort into their work;
- Wear correct school uniform.

This is a self-financing trip which regrettably will only go ahead if sufficient contributions are received. In the event of oversubscription after the aforementioned conditions have been applied, names will be drawn from a hat. Receipt of the deposit is a commitment to the trip and will only be refunded if your child is not successful in getting a place if we were oversubscribed.

Financial Assistance

Assistance with the payment for trips and activities is available to parents from a variety of sources, and is provided for a range of reasons.

Students eligible for Free School Meals have a % of the costs funded for them from 'The Pupil Premium'. This is additional funding given to schools specifically for this group of students.

Parents who receive any other form of benefit (Housing Benefit, Jobseekers Allowance, Tax Credits) receive a % discount from the Governors Fund.

If you do not meet any of the above criteria, but would like further details of the Governor's Fund, please contact the school office. Please be assured all enquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Yours sincerely



Sonia Pope
Head of Humanities Faculty/Trip Leader

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Reply slip – Trip to Ypres – Deposit by 30th April 2018

I give permission for my child _____ (Name of Student)
of _____ (Tutor Group) to take part in the trip to Ypres.

- Full Price Deposit **£30**
 Eligible for any other benefits (Housing Benefits, Jobseekers Allowance, Tax Credits)
Deposit **£22.50**
 Eligible for Free School Meals Deposit **£15**
 Cash Cheque (made payable to The Roundhill Academy) ParentPay date

Unfortunately, we will not be able to refund the full cost of the trip if your son / daughter cannot attend once a place on the trip has been agreed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/person with legal responsibility for the young person)

**PLEASE RETURN REPLY SLIP AND DEPOSIT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY
MONDAY 30TH APRIL**