



CHARLTON SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs S Barton



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 History residential trip to Ypres, Belgium, Wednesday July 15th -Saturday July 18th, 2026

The History Department is planning an educational visit to Ypres, Belgium, in preparation for your child's History GCSE topics on Medicine and WW1 and the Western Front. The date of the two night/three day residential visit is **Wednesday July 15th -Saturday July 18th, 2026**. The total cost for the visit will be **£385**. This includes all excursions in Ypres, transfers via coach, ferry transport, accommodation with breakfast, packed lunches and evening meals each night. The trip is in partnership with **Select School Tours**. Thank you for your potential feedback from on Microsoft Forms. Although some parents desired the option on Germany, the fact that Belgium is cheaper, along with it being at the end of this academic year, will mean that your child will not miss important lessons within year 11, which could be vital to their GCSE attainment.

This trip is open to your child. However, if you are late with a payment, or fail to pay on time, then this could limit your child's chances of being part of this visit. Due to the nature and safety required for the trip, **only 40 spaces** are available in the first instance, and some of these spaces will be set aside for students in receipt of free-school meals.

Recent court action against teachers acting in good faith acting as the 'responsible parent' on a school trip has necessitated a review of our policy on what is a sensible response to bad behaviour or disobedience. The key points to follow are:

- We will operate a zero-tolerance policy on any act, which could result in danger to that person or to others.
- We operate a zero-tolerance policy on behaviour deemed unacceptable.
- In either event the pupil concerned will be sent home at short notice entirely at the parent/guardian's expense.
- Parents, trusted friends, or relatives must be available to collect the returned pupil at any time. Contact numbers must be provided for that purpose.

In order to reserve a place for your child on this trip, please enclose a first deposit of **£100** with the reply slip by **Friday 30th of January**. The next instalment of **£100** will be due on **Friday 20th of March 2026**. The **final balance of £85 is due by Friday April 24th, 2026**. Apart from the first and second deposits, the rest can be made in instalments via ParentPay, cash or cheque. Should this trip not take place, then the payment will be returned. Please send the deposit, and return the attached medical consent form, which confirms any potential allergies or dietary requirements. **Please can you also attach a paper copy of your child's up-to-date passport, should they have one.**

Yours faithfully,
Mr T. Best
History Teacher
History Department

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Please reserve (name)..... In form..... a place on the History trip to Ypres

I enclose the payment of (cheque payable to Charlton School), which I understand will be refundable, should the trip be cancelled through lack of numbers or any other circumstance. Or, I will be using Parent Pay for this trip.

Signed..... Date.....

Should your child demonstrate unacceptable behaviour in school at any time we reserve the right to withdraw their participation in the trip without refund, if we are unable to find a replacement.

Please return this slip, medical consent form and any payments to the Finance Office in School.