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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Following another successful visit last July the History Department has arranged a five day field visit to the First World War Battlefields in the Ypres and Somme areas of Belgium and France. The visit is for Year 10 GCSE History students and will take place from Monday 2 July – Friday 6 July 2012. The visit is a very worthwhile experience enabling our students to appreciate the grim reality of the First World War, an event which profoundly affected the course of European history and which has left behind it a wealth of varied and fascinating evidence. The students will see for themselves such sites as Delville Wood which was bitterly fought over in June 1916; they will visit the cemeteries of Tyne Cot, Essex Farm, Thiepval, and Newfoundland Park, which is one of the most moving and impressive relics of the Somme Battle. The students will visit the German cemetery of Langemark which appears dark and foreboding when compared to the cemeteries for the Allied Forces. The visit also includes excursions to local museums such as the “In Flanders Fields” Museum in the town of Ypres. This museum brings the First World War to life through the use of computers, video, projections, interactive modes and CD-ROM.

Whilst taking part in the visit the students will work on two pieces of coursework and this will provide them with an excellent opportunity to improve their work.

For your information we have included below the Key Information Summary of this educational visit. All enquires relating to educational visits should be made to Lynda Lynch, Educational Visits Administrator on 01642 800800, or [l.lynch@macmillan-academy.org.uk](mailto:l.lynch@macmillan-academy.org.uk)

<i>Macmillan Academy Educational Visits Key Information Summary</i>	
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>First World War Battlefields Visit</b>
DESTINATION	Belgium
DEPARTURE DATE	Monday 2 July 2012
VISIT LEADER	Mrs S Wardell
DEPARTURE TIME	To be confirmed
RETURN DATE	Friday 6 July 2012
RETURN TIME	To be confirmed
MAXIMUM NUMBERS	48
TOTAL PRICE	£200
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT	£80 by Friday 30 September 2011

The cost will be £200 per student which includes all travel costs, food, accommodation, entrance charges to the Museums visited and insurance. The cost has been heavily subsidised by the Academy. This reflects the importance of the field visit to the students and the impact it may have on their final results. The accommodation will be Ypres Lodge located in Ypres town. The overall standard of the accommodation is very high, with good meals and service. Travel will be by coach to Folkestone, by shuttle to Calais and then on to Ypres lodge (the same route will be used for the return journey). The travel company used is “Galloway”, an experienced company with over 45 years of providing educational tours.


Further details will be sent to parents nearer the time regarding clothing, pocket money and other matters.

We believe that the visit offers our students a unique opportunity and that they will find the experience interesting, educational and thought provoking, giving them a deeper understanding of their classroom studies and an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. The students who made the visit last July gained a great deal from it, and are still talking about it.

To reserve a place on this visit, it will be necessary to pay a non-refundable deposit. This deposit can be paid using our Parent Pay service. (The reply slip below is not needed if you use Parent Pay). Parent Pay can be accessed via the resources section of our Academy website. Subsequent payments can also be paid via Parent Pay. All of our visits are booked on a 'first come first served' basis with deposits. Some visits can be heavily oversubscribed. Visits that are undersubscribed are unlikely to go ahead and a full refund will be given.

If you wish to pay via the Academy Cashier please use the reply slip below with the deposit.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Exeter  
Director of Outdoor Learning

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<i>Macmillan Academy Educational Visits CASHIER REPLY SLIP(Not to be used with Parent Pay)</i>	
TITLE	First World War Battlefields visit
DESTINATION	Belgium
NAME OF STUDENT	
TUTOR GROUP	