

NDO/BattlefieldsLet/LH

March 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

The History Department is currently organising the annual WW1 Battlefields tour to Belgium and France for Year 10. The trip is open to all current Year 9 students who have selected History as a GCSE option. The trip provides a moving and memorable experience for students as we visit both Allied and German cemeteries, memorials and trench lines. Students are left appreciating the true reality of war.

The trip is on **15-16 September 2016** and costs £175. This price includes transport, entry fees, accommodation and three meals. To confirm your interest on the trip we require a deposit of £60 paid via ParentPay by **31 March**. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37. Places on the trip are strictly limited. These places will be allocated on a lottery basis. Once the deposit is paid, any cancellations will be subject to costs imposed by our tour operator. The remaining two payments will be due by the following dates.

Payment 2: 30 May (£60)

Payment 3: 30 June (£55)

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you may be able to access financial support from Pupil Premium for this trip. Further advice on eligibility for free school meals is available on our website. If you are not eligible for free school meals but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy *may* be able to support you. If you wish to apply for either Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs E Simpson (esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk).

All students will require both a European Health Insurance Card and a passport in order to travel. Passport applications are currently taking six weeks so early applications are advised.

I look forward to a highly successful and worthwhile trip.

Yours sincerely



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