



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

2nd October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Humanities Residential trip- Battlefields, Belgium 5th – 6th June 2025

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for Year 8 and 9 pupils to go on a residential trip in the summer term. The tour will include a visit to key World War I Battlefields sites in France and Belgium, and overnight accommodation in Ypres, to enable us to attend the memorable 'Last Post' ceremony. The trip aims to bring History to life and to support their learning of World War I in Key Stage 3.

The trip will depart in the early hours of Thursday 5th June and return late on Friday 6th June.

The cost of the trip will be £295. This includes the following:

- Coach travel throughout the tour
- Return Channel crossings
- Overnight accommodation in Ypres, Belgium
- An evening meal in a local restaurant on Day 1
- Continental breakfast and a packed lunch on Day 2
- Travel insurance
- A specialist WWI tour guide
- Entrance fees for museums
- Visits to the Ypres chocolate shops

The tour will be tailor made for our school nearer to the time, but the itinerary is likely to include the following visits:

- Lijssenthoek CWGC Cemetery
- Bayernwald trench system
- Langemarck Germany Cemetery
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917
- Tyne Cot CWGC Cemetery
- The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate
- Newfoundland Memorial Park
- Lochnagar Crater
- Thiepval Memorial to the Missing



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We will be going with the tour company Anglia Tours, NGT travel and you can find out more information on their website: [Guided History Trips With Anglia Tours | NGT \(ngttravel.com\)](https://www.ngttravel.com)

Payment

The trip is sold on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your child to take part in this trip please pay a deposit on ParentPay.

We fully appreciate that trips are expensive. In light of this we will set up a monthly payment plan. The trip can however be paid in full if this is the preferred option for you. Please note that the first two payments are non-refundable payments made to the tour company.

If the trip does not fill up, the trip will be cancelled and all payments refunded.

Payment 1- Non- refundable deposit by 17/10/24	£35.00
Payment 2 – Non- refundable payment due 11/12/24	£70.00
Payment 3 due 11/01/25	£70.00
Payment 4 due 11/02/25	£70.00
Payment 5- Final payment due 11/03/25	£50.00
Total	£295.00

Please be aware that should your child withdraw from the trip at any stage before departure, that according to the tour company policy you will lose part of your payment. The only exception to this will be on certain medical grounds, and any such claim MUST be supported by a doctor's letter. Behaviour will be constantly monitored prior to the trip and as always, poor behaviour may result in a pupil's removal from the trip. This will render payments already made non- refundable as per the tour company cancellation schedule. An exclusion from school will result in automatic removal from the trip and again, payments already made will be non-refundable.

It is the parents responsibility to ensure their child has a valid passport and GHIC card (can be applied for online at no cost <https://overseas-healthcare.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/get-healthcare-cover-travelling-abroad/start>), and any other necessary travel documents, e.g. Visas, Residence documents if not a UK national. Please ensure you apply for any documents needed well in advance to avoid delays and disappointments. We cannot allow a pupil to travel without all necessary documents. Lack of necessary documents at time of travel will render the trip non- refundable. Please note that the EU



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plan to change entry requirements for travel to Europe from visa-exempt countries. This is likely to completing an online form, anyone under 18 will be exempt from payment. The system has not gone live yet but more information can be found at https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/what-etias_en

If you have any questions, please email greenwoodm@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk

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