



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Proposed History Trip for Current Years 8 and 9 Development of Warfare 1 -3 July 2017

For many years, the History Department has led a popular trip for Year 9 boys to WWI battlefields sites in France and Belgium. Due to changes in the curriculum, we have decided to change the trip to include the development of warfare between the two World Wars, how things had changed by the time the Second World War broke out with the development of blitzkrieg and the evacuation of Dunkirk.

We use a very experienced student travel company, Anglia Tours, who have for many years led groups of students on such educational excursions. We will visit the WWI battlefields of the Ypres Salient in Belgium, including sites which illustrate the development of trench warfare and the use of new weapons such as gas. We will also visit British and German war cemeteries and sites relating to the Western Front of WWII.

The total cost of the trip will be approximately £320 per student and includes travel by coach from the school, Channel crossings, the professional services of 4 Anglia Guides, two nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in a student hotel, two evening meals and packed lunches and entrance to all sites.

This trip will be of great educational value to students in Years 8 and 9. There's nothing quite so good in the development of understanding of events of historical importance as visiting relevant sites. It is relevant to the History curriculum for GCSE (Cold War) and A Level (Unification of Germany, Cold War) students. Furthermore, it builds on topics covered in Year 9 (Rise of Nazis, WWI and WWII, the Holocaust). It incorporates cross-curricular links with the Modern Foreign Languages and Geography departments. It is of value to students of Politics because of the European Union component of the A Level course and because of the relevance to that course of recent European history.

Although the date of the trip is at the end of the current academic year, we have to make the necessary booking arrangements now. If you would like your son to participate in the trip I would be grateful if you would complete the reply slip by Friday 30 September and return it to the School Office Letterbox together with your cheque for £80 as deposit. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will hold a draw for places and if your son is unsuccessful we will return your cheque. Once places are confirmed I will write again with further information regarding the payment schedule. At this point a place will be reserved for your son with the tour operator. If your son subsequently withdraws from the trip please be aware that some or all of the monies paid may be non-refundable depending on the payment schedule to the tour operator or Hitchin Boys' School.

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Please write to Mrs Ivory-Webb the School Business Manager in confidence if you require financial assistance.

Please note, at the time of travel your son will be required to have a valid passport and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). Travel insurance is included in the price of the trip but if your son has a medical condition that may be of concern then it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to seek medical advice from their G.P. or medical practitioner to ensure the student is fit to travel. If there is a concern please ask for confirmation in writing from your practitioner, this should be retained by you in case a claim should arise. Failure to do this may make the claim void in which case medical expenses/repatriation will be at parent/guardian's expense.

Please note that we reserve the right to exclude those few students whose behaviour has suggested that they would not be able to cope with the co-operative behaviour necessary on an overseas school trip.

Any queries regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Phillips the School Trips Coordinator.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Howie
History and Politics Teacher

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Please return this reply slip to the School Office Letterbox by Friday 30 September with your son's name and 'Development of Warfare Trip 2017'

Student's name: _____

Form: _____

I enclose a cheque for £80 as deposit

I would like my son to be considered for a place on the Development of Warfare Trip.. I understand that should my son be confirmed on the trip and he subsequently withdraws, monies paid may be non-refundable depending on the payment schedule to the tour operator or Hitchin Boys' School

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I confirm that my Son has applied for a place on a recent residential trip and was unsuccessful in gaining a place:

Name _____ Trip _____