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### **Year 9 trip to the Battlefields of the First World War, 19-22 May 2024**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 9,

We would like to make you aware of a trip for year 9 to the Battlefields of the First World War, in Belgium and Northern France, from Sunday 19 to Wednesday 22 May 2024.

This trip is an outstanding opportunity to understand the impact of the First World War on all nations, through visiting the memorials, museums and the remains of the battlefields. It also presents an opportunity to commemorate the sixty-three OAs who lost their lives, and to visit some of their graves.

The trip will be undertaken by coach and ferry, departing from Ampleforth College early on the Sunday morning and returning on the Wednesday evening. Arrangements will be made for those participating to attend Mass earlier in the week.

We will be staying in a modern and comfortable hotel in Ypres that is geared to the needs of school groups.

The itinerary below offers a sense of the main features of the visit. (Some details may be subject to change.)

Sunday 19 May 2024	c.05:30 Departure by coach from Ampleforth College.  c.17:00 Arrival in Ypres and check-in at hotel.  Walking the Ypres ramparts
Monday 20 May 2024	Visit to the cemeteries and memorials around Ypres  The cemeteries of St Charles-Potryze (French); Langemarck (German) and Tynecot (British and Commonwealth).  Essex Farm Dressing Station.

	The German trenches at Bayernwald. The Pool of Peace at Spanbroekmolen.  The Menin Gate Memorial Service
Tuesday 21 May 2024	Visit to the cemeteries and memorials on The Somme  Newfoundland Memorial Park; Ulster Tower; The Sunken Lane at Beaumont Hamel; Thiepval Memorial and Museum; Lochnagar Crater at La Boisselle.  Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge
Wednesday 22 May 2024	Visit to In Flanders Fields Museum, Ypres  Walk around in Ypres  Return by coach to Ampleforth College, estimated arrival c.21:30.

The cost of the trip will £425 per pupil; and this will include all travel, food, accommodation and entry fees. However, students may wish to bring a small amount of personal spending money. We hope very much that your son or daughter will be interested in this visit. If so, we would be grateful if you could complete the form through the link below and make a deposit payment of £100 by 30 September 2023. Deposit payment can be made directly to the College's bank account quoting reference **B500-184**.

[Form for expressing an interest in this trip](#)

### Bank details for deposit

Barclays Bank, York

Account Name: St Laurence Education Trust

Account Number: 03744795

Sort Code: 20-99-15

Swiftcode/BIC: BARC GB22

IBAN: GB49 BARC 2099 1503 7447 95

Yours sincerely

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