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Dear Parent/Carer

World War One Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium - 2 April 2017

As part of your son/daughter's GCSE studies next year, the history department are offering the opportunity to visit the World War One Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium during a five-day 'battlefield experience'.

The GCSE course covers four topics, one of which is the causes and events of World War One, focusing mainly on the military campaigns. We would like to take a group of Year 10 students to visit battlefields such as the Somme, Passchendaele and the Ypres Salient to deepen their understanding of this topic.

The visit will depart from the College at around midnight on Sunday 2 April 2017 and we will travel by coach to Bruges, crossing early on Monday morning from Dover to Calais. After an afternoon in Bruges, we will travel to our accommodation which will be in a youth hostel near the town of Ypres. The next three days will be spent out 'in the field' visiting trenches, memorials, museums and war cemeteries. Evenings will be spent completing written reflections on the day before a small amount of free time before bed. The final day will be spent travelling home and we anticipate returning to Whitby at around 4.00pm on Friday 7 April.

The visit is organised and staffed by Mercat Tours and, having been on this visit previously, I cannot recommend the company highly enough. Students will benefit from very experienced, trained educators who will lead them through an intense, and often highly emotional, experience. More information can be found on their website: www.mercattoursinternational.com.

The cost of the visit will be £460 per student. This includes all travel and four nights accommodation with breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal provided at the hostel. It also includes entrance fees to sites and museums.

The dates of this residential visit will be **2 - 7 April 2017**. We will require a £50.00 deposit by **Friday 15 July 2016** to secure your son/daughter's place on the trip. I am aware that this is a short deadline, but it is necessary in order to confirm the viability of the visit with our tour operator before the summer break. Any replies received after this deadline will be placed on a reserve list.

Please can you complete the enclosed reply slip and return it to the College Office with a 50.00 (non-refundable) deposit. (This would be refunded in the event of the visit having insufficient interest to go ahead.) Please can you make any cheques payable to "Caedmon College Whitby". Once the visit has been confirmed, further contributions will be requested as part of a payment plan. We will then organise a parents' evening at which we can provide you with further information.

If you wish to discuss this visit or require any further information before paying a deposit, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College, either by telephone or email to: m.cutler@ccwhitby.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Cutler', written over a horizontal line.

Mr M J Cutler
Teacher of History

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Principal: Keith Prytherch, BEd, MBA

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REPLY SLIP – To be returned to the College Office at either break or lunch time before 17 July 2016

Student's name: _____ Tutor group: _____

I hereby confirm that I have read and fully understand the arrangements for the Educational Visit outlined in the attached letter, and therefore give my informed consent to my son/daughter taking part.

I also understand that I will be responsible for all costs involved in returning my son/daughter from the location of the visit in extreme cases, such as if illness or unacceptable behaviour occurs.

I enclose a £50.00 non-refundable deposit

(This would be reimbursed should the visit be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.)

I give/*do not give my consent (**delete as appropriate*) for any photographs to be taken for use on our College website.

In case of an emergency, the telephone number that staff should use to contact home is:

Tel: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____