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Dear Parent/Carer

The History Department is pleased to announce we will be running a trip to Ypres, in Belgium, from Thursday 1 November until Friday 2 November 2018. This trip is open to any Year 8 pupil who has an interest in WW1 and will enhance our studies in class. The trip will allow pupils to visit various sites linked to World War 1 including Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is the world's largest Commonwealth war cemetery containing the graves of 11,962 men. Pupils will also be able to visit the 'Passchendaele Memorial museum at Zonnebeke' which is a modern museum packed with interactive exhibits, and includes a fully restored trench system complete with deep underground dugouts.

Pupils will leave school early on Thursday 1 November and travel via Eurotunnel to Belgium with Galloway coach tours. Accommodation will be provided by the CJT De Lep Youth Hostel. The youth hostel is well equipped and purpose built for school parties. Pupils will experience a packed itinerary in and around Ypres and will return to school in the evening on Friday 2 November.

The cost of the trip will be £135 and includes all travel, entry fees and 3 meals in Belgium. There is some financial assistance available to Pupil Premium students and this needs to be applied for via Mrs Sterland. Pupils will need to be provided with a packed lunch for Thursday and some spending money. Pupils will need their own valid passport and a European Health Insurance Card.

Unfortunately we are not able to take the whole year group due to the capacity of the hostel and coach availability and so places will be allocated via a ballot with a waiting list if needed. Due to the nature of the trip it is vital that pupils can be relied upon to display respectful behaviour throughout and pupils with a disappointing behaviour record may not be given a place. If you wish to apply for a place for the trip the reply slip needs to be returned directly to Mrs Perrins or Miss Scott by 22 January 2018. The ballot will take place on 23 January and the results will be emailed out. Successful applicants will then be required to pay a £30 deposit to secure their place by 9 February.

For further details about the trip please contact Mrs A Perrins.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Perrins
History Department

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To: History Department, The Ramsey Academy, Halstead

Student Name Tutor Group

I would like my child to be considered for a place on the History Department trip to Ypres 1-2 November 2018. I understand that my child needs a valid passport and EHIC to travel.

Signed Date
(Parent/Carer)