

Year 9 and 10 History Trip to Ypres

Friday 14th to Saturday 15th March

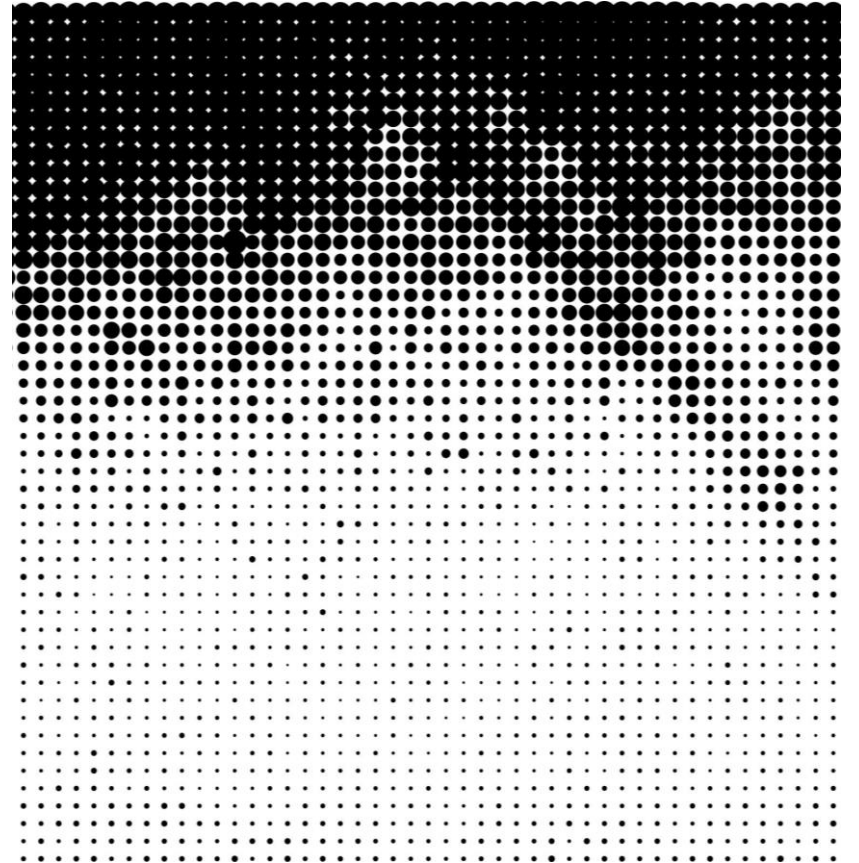
During the trip: If you have a family emergency, or need to get hold of staff for a reason. Please call either of these numbers:

Ms Rosethorne: 00447940 543 221

Ms Phillips: 00447495112687

Staff

- Ms Rosethorne
- Ms Phillips
- Ms Bond
- Mr Phillips
- Mr Reeves
- Mrs Smith
- Mr Smith
- Mr MacDonald
- Mrs Taliana-Carey
- Miss Rozman



Friday 14th March 2025

- Students expected to meet in the school car park at **5:20 am for a prompt 5.50 departure. As we have a shuttle connection to catch, we cannot wait for late comers.**
- Students are to gather in the car park front of the art rooms (right hand side) in their groups and sign in with their group leader. Then suitcases to be loaded and students will board the coaches.
- **Departure time from Thamesmead: 5:50am**
- **The school gates will be open for parents to drive in and DROP OFF only. Please car share if you can or walk to ease congestion, although at this time it will hopefully be OK.**

Saturday 15th March 2025

- We are expected back at Thamesmead approximately 20:15 (pm)
- **Please look out for updates from your children if we are running late or early.**
- **The school should be open at this time, please try to leave space on the road for the coaches to park.**

Groups

- You will be divided up into five groups of roughly 20 students.
- This is mainly for when we are at each site so that staff can give you some background information about the places we are visiting.
- When staff need to take a register, these are the groups we will use.
- You will not need to stay in these groups for the entire visit, just for the teacher explanations.

| | Itinerary – Day 1 |
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| 05:20 | Arrival of coaches at Thamesmead School |
| 05:50 | Depart school |
| 07:50 | Arrival at Folkestone Le Shuttle terminal BREAKFAST ON COACH |
| 09:50 | LeShuttle crossing departs Folkestone |
| 11:25 approx | LeShuttle crossing arrives Coquelles – Drive to Langemark LUNCH ON COACH |
| 13:30 approx. | Arrive Langemark Visit Langemark German Cemetery |
| 14:30 approx. | After visit, board coaches and drive to Ypres |
| 14:45 approx. | Arrive Yorkshire Trench & Dugout |
| 15:45 approx. | After visit, board coaches and drive to Essex Farm |
| 16:00 approx. | Arrive Essex Farm Cemetery & Dressing Station |
| 17:00 approx. | After visit, board coaches and drive to accommodation |
| 17:15 approx. | Arrive accommodation and check in to rooms |
| 18:00 | Evening meal in accommodation |
| 19:00 | After evening meal, board coaches and drive to central Ypres |
| 19:15 approx. | Arrive Ypres – Coaches to drop off group on Hoornwerk Walk to Menin Gate |
| 20:00 | Attend Last Post Menin Gate |
| 20:30 approx. | After ceremony, walk to Hoornwerk to meet coaches, and drive back to accommodation |
| 20:40 approx. | Arrive accommodation and settle into rooms for the night |

Langemark



Yorkshire Trench



Day 1



Menin Gate



Essex Farm

Ypres Lodge Hostel

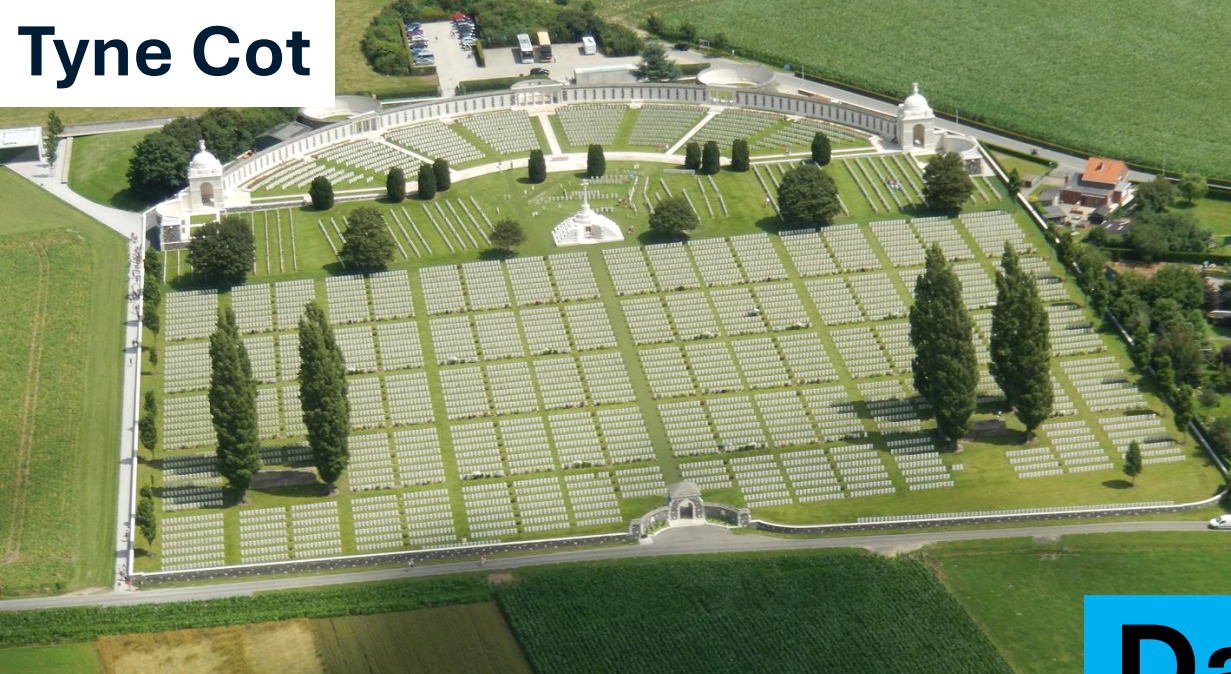
- Students will be allocated a dorm room.
- Each dorm will have an ensuite bathroom and television.
- Each room will have a teacher nearby.
- Breakfast and evening meal will be on site.
- Packed lunch provided for the second day.
- Free wifi, pool tables, football pitch, table football, vending machines





| | DAY 2 |
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| 7.00/7.30 | Breakfast in accommodation and prepare packed lunches |
| 8.30 | Load luggage onto coaches, board coach and drive to Tyne Cot |
| 08:50 approx. | Arrive Tyne Cot Cemetery |
| 09:40 | After visit, board coaches and drive to Hill 62 |
| 10:00 | Visit Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) Museum Hill 62 Please take a change of footwear. |
| 11:30 | After visit, board coaches and drive to Hooge Crater |
| 11:40 approx. | Arrive Hooge Crater Museum |
| 11:45 | Visit Hooge Crater Museum Please take a change of footwear. |
| 13:15 | After visit, board coaches and drive back to Ypres |
| 13:30 | Arrive Ypres – Coaches to drop off group on Hoornwerk Walk to Leonidas Chocolate shop (approx. 5 mins) |
| 13:45 | Visit Leonidas Fresh Belgian Chocolates - Please note that there are nuts on site |
| 14:15 approx. | After visit, walk to Hoornwerk to meet coaches |
| 14:30 | Board coaches and drive to Coquelles (Calais) |
| 16:20 | Arrive Coquelles LeShuttle terminal (Calais) |
| 18:20 | LeShuttle crossing departs Coquelles |
| 17:55 | LeShuttle crossing arrives Folkestone – Drive back to school |
| 20:15 approx. | Arrive back at Thamesmead School |

Tyne Cot



Hill 62 Trenches



Day 2



Hooge Crater



Ypres shopping

Essential items to pack!



Passport, GHIC, medication (already handed in)

Phone and charger

Plug adaptors

Breakfast and lunch for Day 1

Towel/s

Clothing – warm layers, comfortable, waterproofs, PJs, underwear

Sensible footwear/change of footwear (bring a carrier bag for muddy shoes)

Toiletries

Snacks for coach

Tissues, hand sanitiser, refillable drink bottle, back pack

Spending money – Chocolate shop does a 10/15 euro deal, vending machines

STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN 10 EUROS ON THE SECOND DAY TO BUY FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY HOME

Behaviour expectations



We are going to hold a **MINIMAL phone policy** for students on the trip!

In an emergency, staff will have contact details for parents.

Normal school rules apply – **no alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, drugs or weapons**

Dress appropriately, you will be asked to change if you do not

Do not climb on monuments even if other schools are. Always be respectful of the sites and other members of the public.

Health and Safety

It is critical that you are able to focus on teacher instructions when needed

Shoes must be appropriate and not expensive – its muddy, that was like a whole thing during the war.

Iron Harvest – although exceptionally rare, it is possible to come across metal items at the sides of fields and roads – **DO NOT PICK THEM UP** as some of these may be unexploded ordinance



Passports, GHIC and medication

If you are able to hand these in this evening, please hand to **Mr Phillips (surnames A-K)** or **Ms Rosethorne (surnames L-Z)** at the end of the meeting.

If you are unable, please hand these in after half term as soon as possible.

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>



Any Questions



- If you think of any other questions after this

info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Groups – when we are visiting the sites

| Group 1 Ms Rosethorne and Mrs Rozman | Group 2 Ms Bond and Mrs Smith | Group 3 Mr Reeves and Mr Macdonald | Group 4 Ms Phillips and Mrs Taliana-Carey | Group 5 Mr Phillips and Mr Smith |
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| 9RHA 9JTA | 9PLI 9RCO | 9JBO 9ITO 9CAZ | 10 CGO 10 HJO 10 HMA 10 LTH | 10 LSO 10 SBO 10 SMC |

Coach lists TBC