



Chenderit School

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11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Y8 GUIDED HISTORY TOUR: Wed 10th – Fri 12th February 2027

We are excited to propose an educational visit to Ypres and the Somme to support our curriculum plans for History students and enhance learning experiences within the school.

The purpose of the tour is to consolidate learning on the nature of fighting during the First World War, to provide students with a different learning experience and to enthuse students in their historical studies. As with all residential visits, attendees will also have the chance to develop their social skills and sense of independence.

The provisional group size is 80, Y8 students. Adults accompanying the group will be to a ratio of one teacher to every 14 students and will include Miss James and Mr Gowers.

We will be staying at the Ypres Lodge Guesthouse in Ypres. Students will sleep bunk rooms in groups. The rooms are en-suite. The Ypres Lodge guesthouse is located in central Ypres, which allows us to explore the city with ease.

The provisional cost of the tour is £272pp. We are pleased that this is the same as last year. The price includes: return executive coach travel, return channel crossings, full board accommodation at Ypres Lodge, group travel insurance, NST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour and all of the excursions that we will undertake whilst in Belgium and France. In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has approximately 20 Euro spending money for the trip. They will also require a passport and a Global Health Insurance Card.

The itinerary for the tour will include: visits to Sanctuary Wood Museum and Hill 62 (original British trenches and a museum containing artefacts and photographs). Tyne Cot British Cemetery (the largest British cemetery in the world), Bayernwald (original German trench system), Hooze Crater (museum showing reconstructed battlefields), In Flanders Fields Museum (interactive exhibits and resource pack provided), Langemark German Cemetery (to provide comparison to the British Cemetery at Tyne Cot), Menin Gate and Last Post ceremony, Delville Wood Museum (shows the experiences of South Africans during the First World War), Lochnagar Crater (an enormous crater created by a British mine, Newfoundland Park, Beaumont Hamel (large preserved trench system, Canadian museum), Thiepval Memorial and Visitor Centre (memorial to the missing British soldiers).

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We are asking for a deposit of a **non-refundable deposit (in case of participant cancellation) £100.00** per person to cover the cost of this excursion, **is required before Friday 25th September 2026, along with the completed permission slip (handed in to the Finance Office)**. I will contact you after the 25th September to confirm your child's place. A further payment of £88 will need to be made on or before Friday 6th November 2026. A third and final payment of £84 will be required before Friday 11th December 2026. It is really important that these payments are made in good time. As per our charging and remission policy, this educational visit will only go ahead if we are able to cover the cost through voluntary contributions. Our preferred payment method is now online, via ParentPay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at www.parentpay.com. Please contact the Finance Office if you need a ParentPay password or assistance. All payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (Cash and cheques will also be accepted). **If your child is in receipt of 'targeted' free school meals, please indicate this on the reply slip as we may be able to support some curriculum related costs.** Please return the slip and payment by **Friday 25th September 2026**.

For students to be able to participate in educational visits, school organised events or school related activities, good student behaviour is of paramount importance. If a student presents regular poor behaviours in school and/or we consider that the student presents a significant, unmanageable or unacceptable risk to the health, safety and/or welfare of that student or others on the educational visit, including the adult leaders, the student is unlikely to be able to participate.

When collecting your child from school following a trip or visit, please be mindful of our neighbours and local community. Please park in the school car park where possible. If you are unable to, please park considerately and do not leave your car idling.

We will hold a meeting for parents and students attending the educational visit in January 2027. If you have any further questions about this educational visit, please do not hesitate to contact me further on wgowers@chenderit.net Please hand in all paper reply slips to the Finance Office by Friday 25th September 2026.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gowers
Head of History



REPLY SLIP: Y8 GUIDED HISTORY TOUR TO BELGIUM ON WED 10th – FRI 12th Feb 2027

I give permission for (student's name)..... Tutor Group

to participate in the Y8 Guided History Tour to Belgium on: Wed 10th - Fri 12th Feb 2027

[HISTORY GROUP].....

I wish to reserve a place for my child/ward on this trip.

To secure a place, I have enclosed:

Deposit amount £100.00 ☐ Paid by Parentpay ☐ Paid by cash/cheque ☐

(non-refundable). Payable by Friday 25th September 2026

TARGETED FSM ☐

Medical Issues: Yes ☐ No ☐ *(If yes, please contact the school to provide further information).*

Contact no:

I understand that the group will be travelling by coach and that insurance has been arranged.

Signed(Parent/Carer) Date.....

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REPLY SLIP TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY
FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026