



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of

TRIP552 THE WESTERN FRONT 2026

We are planning a residential trip to **Ypres, Belgium on Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March 2026** for current year 9 & 10 students taking GCSE History from September 2025.

This trip follows in the footsteps of First World War soldiers with a specialist itinerary that focuses on the GCSE specification of The British Sector of the Western Front, covering the causes, treatment and advancements in medicine. Through visiting preserved trenches such as those at Bayernwald and interacting with original weapons and uniforms at places like the Flanders Fields Museum, students will gain a real insight into the conditions soldiers were exposed to, the developments in medicine and the legacy it has left. Students will also have the opportunity to attend the Last Post Ceremony at The Menin Gate; a truly unique experience.

We anticipate the cost of the trip to be in the region of £550.00 - £600.00 per person.
The exact cost and further details will be confirmed later.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please return the form to me by **4pm on the 27th March 2025.**

The number of places available on this trip is limited and therefore places will be allocated to eligible students. Should the trip be oversubscribed, students will be given priority for a place in the following order:

1. Students who have been unsuccessful in gaining a place on a previous trip within the same school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School);
2. Students who have not previously been on a residential trip whilst in their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School);
3. All other students who have expressed a wish to partake in the trip.

As most of this visit falls within school holidays the cost of the trip should be met by the parent/carers. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding and you would like to be considered for financial assistance with this trip please complete the reply slip below and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence.

The school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties. If you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the trip, please return the reply slip below and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

If you have any questions, please contact me via hwibberley@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

H Wibberley

H Wibberley
History Teacher

REPLY SLIP

TO: Hannah Wibberley

RETURN BY: 4pm 27th March 2025

I would like my child to be considered for a place on the

TRIP552 THE WESTERN FRONT - Ypres, Belgium. **Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March 2026**

If successful gaining a place, please issue me with a barcoded letter to enable me to pay. ☐

I would like to be considered for financial assistance through:

Pupil Premium ☐

Hardship Fund ☐

Student Name:

Form:

I understand that, in the event of the trip being over-subscribed, my child may not gain a place on this trip. I have read the criteria for selection.

Signature of Parent/Carer:

PLEASE COMPLETE IF RELEVANT

- My child has been unsuccessful in securing a place on any previously advertised trip within their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School) due to over-subscription.

Trip Name:

Trip Leader:

Approximate date of trip:

- My child has **not** been on a residential trip before within their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School)
- My child has been on a previous residential trip or trips within their current school (Lower School/Senior Section/Upper School)

Trip Name:

Trip Leader:

Approximate date of trip: