



Dear parent/carer,

### **Years 8-10 and 12 Activities Week: Battlefields Tour**

The history department is planning a battlefields tour for activities week. The trip will take place from 17 - 22 July and will encompass sites from both world wars.

We will leave Jersey on Monday 17 July and travel by coach to Northern France, where we will stay in accommodation designed for school groups and managed by the tour company NST, a company with whom I have worked with on many previous occasions. Here in Northern France, we will visit sites such as Ypres, the Somme and Hill 62 and students will attend the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. After spending three nights here, we will travel to Normandy and spend one night here, visiting the beaches where the D-Day landings took place, together with other key sites. We will return to Jersey by ferry on Friday 22 July.

The anticipated cost of the tour will be £750. This will include all meals (apart from on days travelling to and from the ferry), accommodation in Belgium and Normandy, coach for five days, site visits and the cost of tour guide throughout our tour.

If you are interested in coming with us, then please secure your place by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/WFt09H1ktW> by 23 November 2022; we appreciate that this is a short deadline, which results from the need to confirm the travel arrangements as soon as possible.

We will confirm that your son has a place on the trip following the above deadline. Subject to this, a deposit of £100 will need to be paid into the school fund, as per below. This will need to be done by Monday 28 November at the latest, in order to secure travel and accommodation.

If your son is interested in the history of this sad and poignant period, he will find this trip fascinating. For me, a battlefields trip at 16 was pivotal in shaping my interest in history and brought classroom learning to life.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Miorin, Head of History and Politics ([n.miorin@vcj.sch.je](mailto:n.miorin@vcj.sch.je)).

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs P Plummer**  
**Assistant Head/Teacher of History/Politics**

## **Terms and Conditions**

- Deposit payments are non-refundable and are due by the date stated in the letter.
- Should you decide to withdraw your son from the trip after the payment of a deposit you will be liable for any costs incurred by Victoria College as a result of that decision.
- Payments for trips must be made in full by the dates specified otherwise Victoria College may reserve the right to refuse participation in the trip.
- All payments should be made by bank transfer as indicated in the letter.

## **Insurance**

All student travel is insured through the States of Jersey travel insurance policy. Should your child be unable to travel, for whatever reason, there will be a £50 excess payable to recover the travel and accommodation costs only. All other costs incurred as part of the trip are not covered and therefore these expenses would have to be forfeited. You may wish to arrange further insurance to cover this eventuality.

## **Additional Costs**

Whilst every effort is made to plan the budget of a trip, there can be unforeseen changes to the itinerary at short notice. Should any changes cause a shortfall in the funds available we may ask you to make a further payment to cover these costs, however, should there be a surplus of funds on return from this trip refunds will be made.

## **Payment**

Payment to be made of £100 direct to the Victoria College School Fund bank account:  
Sort code 40-25-34  
Account 31237632  
Reference Student name & trip name

The deposit is to be paid by 28 November 2022, subject to confirmation that your son has a place on the trip; with further notification to follow regarding the payment of the balance.