

9th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Battlefields from 28/09/2026 to 1/10/2026

Please find below the travel details and information for the Year 9 visit to the First World War Battlefields from Monday 28th September 2026 to Thursday 1st October 2026 (Friday 2nd is a Wellbeing Day).

I would like to remind you that students need **their own passport** for travel as well as a **valid EHIC card/GHIC card**.

Parents & Carers Meeting

I am running a Parents meeting on **Tuesday 15th September from 5pm – 6pm** in the School hall and I would like **all passports and EHIC cards in then**. The meeting will give me a chance to go over a number of aspects of the trip, as well as give you all a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Departure

Students will need to arrive at school at **4:30am on Monday 28th September**. The coach will depart at 4:30 am. Please when dropping students off do not block the lane and adhere to the “unofficial one-way system”, as this will help speed up departure. The school car park will be open for parents to drop students off. If anybody is late, we will be unable to wait due to the booking that we have for the Channel Tunnel.

Return

We should arrive back at school at **7:00pm on Thursday 1st October**. Should this time be any different, we will arrange for students to telephone you from a motorway service station, updates will also be posted on all the various Fairfield social media accounts. If you hear nothing assume the arrival time is 7.00 pm. Please make sure that you arrive on time to collect your child and again do not block the lane.

What to take

- Students should wear sensible clothing and appropriate to visit places of remembrance. Also, this trip is all outdoors and the weather at this time of year is likely to be wet as well as cold.
- Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and **sensible shoes** (items that are warm and the students do not mind getting muddy at any point).
- Toiletries and a bath towel, along with changes of clothes and underwear should also be packed.
- **Slippers or Sliders** should be packed for use in the Youth Hostel (shoes cannot be worn indoors. The floor is stone, so very cold and slippery!).



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- Other items such as cameras and tablets may also be brought on the trip. Please note that the care and security of any personal items taken on the trip are the responsibility of the student.
- Please ensure that your child has plenty of food and drink for the journey. Students will however not be permitted to drink high caffeine energy drinks, any found will be confiscated as we have found that these often lead to students being sick on the coach.
- The coach journey is very long and our first meal will not be provided until we check into our accommodation in Ypres.
- We will probably stop at service stations and the Eurotunnel terminal, where it will be possible to purchase food and drink.
- The last meal on Day 4 will be a packed lunch provided by the Youth Hostel.
- **Students will need sterling and euros.** Euros can be ordered from any bank or post office. It is your responsibility to order any foreign currency for your child (a budget of £10 a day will be plenty!).
- Students will need English money to buy food during the return journey. We are coming back via ferry so they have the opportunity to purchase some food at that time.
- Spending money could also be brought for souvenirs. However, many shops in Ypres, including the chocolate shop, will accept sterling.
- Please remind your child that they are not to buy any items that date from the war e.g. shells etc. These items may not have been checked for safety and they would need special permission to be brought back into the country.

Contact Details

In Ypres we will be staying at: CJT DE IEP

Poperingseweg 34

B-8900 Ieper

Belgium

Tel: 00 32 (0) 5720 8811

In Emergency

During normal school hours telephone school on: 01981 550231

Or

Out of school hours please ring school mobile numbers for X on: 07385 506206

Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones, however students will have them collected in during the evening and handed back to them in the morning in keeping with the school's policy. This is so that students get a good night's sleep and are ready for the next day. As a result, they will not be able to contact you at these times.



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Yours sincerely

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