

2nd June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 8 Battlefields Trip – June 2027

To continue to support your child's personal development, our History department will be running our successful Battlefields residential trip to France and Belgium on **Tuesday 8th June - Friday 11th June 2027**.

The tour will be run by Rayburn Tours and will be accompanied by one of their expert tour guides for the duration of the trip.

Pupils will travel by coach and Ferry, staying 3 nights/4 days at the Poppies 1 in the historic centre of Ypres on a full board basis. The accommodation also offers exclusivity to our pupils and staff and offer multibed rooms with en-suite and games room.

Excursions included in the price:

- In Flanders Field Museum
- Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Langemark Military Cemetery
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- Menin Gate & the Last post Ceremony
- Visit to the Chocolate Shop
- Thiepval memorial & Visitor Centre
- Lijssenthoek Crater
- Lochnagar Crater
- Vimy Ridge
- Evening Bowling

This is an enrichment trip with an educational focus and pupils will be asked to complete work booklets while they are there. An outline of the tour itinerary will be provided during the parent information evenings leading up to the trip.

The trip is expected to cost **£585.00-£600.00 per child**, the price will be dependent on the level of interest.

Payments will be required over several months with the first non-refundable deposit of **£100.00** being added to ParentPay immediately and will be required for payment by the 6th July 2026. Please accept our apologies for the short notice period, however this is required to secure the trip with our provider.

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

Further non-refundable payments will be expected as follows:

Instalment 2	£100.00	7th September 2026
Instalment 3	£150.00	15th January 2027
Balance	TBC	15th March 2027

Travel Insurance. The tour company provides a group travel insurance for the duration of the tour, but should you wish to consider your own insurance also please do so.

Pupils must hold a Full and valid passport.

You must also apply for a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) which your child must take with them. There is no charge for this health card and is valid for 5 years. For your convenience you can apply here:

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

Please complete the form via the link below by Monday 15th June to confirm you would like your child to attend this trip and can commit to the deposit payment dates as above.

<https://forms.gle/wTKrReRjZvwnsynE9>

As an Academy, we provide a wide range of opportunities based on different experiences to try and capture every child's interests. We provide a huge range of opportunities to our pupils recognising that in the vast majority of cases pupils can't do them all. We are happy to support flexible payment plans if that is a benefit to any family.

I must stress that as with any trip the school reserves the right to remove a pupil if we have concerns regarding the child's willingness to co-operate with adults or if they pose a health and safety risk.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like answering please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Widlinski swidlinski@selwood.mnsp.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Selwood Academy