

19th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Battlefield Trip - June 2026

Thank you for securing your child's place on our Battlefields 2026 residential, we are now able to confirm the final cost of this trip will be **£549.00**.

The tour will be run by Rayburn Tours, and we 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 will be for our sole use and provides multibed rooms with en-suite. There is also a games room.

Excursions included in the price:

- Lijssenthoek Military Centre
- Langemark Military Cemetery
- Tyne Cot Cemetery
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- In Flanders Field Museum
- Menin Gate & the Last Post Ceremony
- Thiepval Memorial & Visitor Centre
- Lochnager Crater
- Vimy Ridge
- Sunken Lane
- Newfoundland Memorial Park
- Caterpillar Valley at Dellville
- Highwood
- A visit to a chocolate shop, **however chocolate purchased is not included in the trip cost.**
- An evening of bowling

On receipt of your initial £100.00 non-refundable deposit, the remaining payments dates will be scheduled over the next several months, the dates are listed below for your reference.

Further non-refundable payments:

Instalment 2	£100.00	Payment due Monday 29 th September 2025
Instalment 3	£150.00	Payment due Friday 16 th January 2026
Balance	£199.00	Payment due Monday 16 th March 2026

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.

'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.

Please email a copy of your child's passport and GHIC card to Sadie.widlinski@selwood-academy.co.uk by Friday 17th October 2025, this information will be required by the tour operator to confirm the ferry crossings.

If you have not already applied for a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) please use the link below. There is no charge for this health card, and it 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/>.

We kindly ask that you complete the google forms below, this information is required for all residential trips.

<https://forms.gle/ptsnX6qHBibS3fL28>

Code of Conduct, please read this with your child and submit confirmation on agreement.

<https://forms.gle/zknFad8aqhEJkUKt5>

Emergency/Dietary and Medical information, any relevant information will be shared with the Tour Operator ahead of the trip.

We have scheduled parent information evenings, this will be an opportunity to share the final itinerary, provide a kit list, and answer any additional questions that you or your child may have.

- **Wednesday 14th January 2026**
- **Wednesday 6th May 2026** *Original Passports/GHIC's and medications will be handed in during this session.*

If you have any questions or concerns you would like answering, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Widlinski.

Yours faithfully

Selwood Academy