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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce Battlefields 2027, our fourth visit, following the previous success of our Battlefields 2025, 2024 and 2023 trips. This trip is open to all current Y9 and Y10 students.

The tour will take place from **Saturday 20th March to Tuesday 23rd March 2027** (the start of the Easter holidays). The total cost will be £619.00; this is based on 40 students attending. We will be using Anglia Tours, who we found to be good value for money and provided excellent tour guides. **The deposit will be £50.00, non-refundable, should you change your mind.** The price includes all excursions, full board accommodation and all transportation. An itinerary will be shared before we travel but will include places such as the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Vimy Ridge trenches and memorial.

Students will need a full UK passport - we advise parents to organise this as soon as possible. Students with no passport on the date of departure will not be able to attend and the full amount of the trip will be lost.

Please note, passport holders require 3 months validity remaining after the date of travel and must be issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue') extra months are no longer valid. Non-British passport holders may require a visa to travel, please check with the relevant authority. Non-British passport holders must travel with their BRP or 'Right to Remain' documentation for entry back into the UK.

Although travel insurance is included, we also advise groups to travel with their GHIC or EHIC if still valid, parents can apply for these on the NHS website.

While encouraging our GCSE History students to participate, we are also opening the trip to those students who don't study History but have an interest either through family connections or their understanding of WWI.

As well as an important visit for our History students as part of their Medicine Topic at GCSE, the trip provides opportunities for personal pilgrimage for those students who have family members buried or listed as missing on the Western Front. It is also a cultural and personal development opportunity as well as having cross-curricular links with subjects such as MFL and Science.



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Students who are interested in attending are asked to complete this [Google Form](#), together with a typed letter of interest, of no more than one A4 sheet, outlining:

- Why you wish to take part in the Battlefields 2027 trip
- What do you hope to gain from the experience?

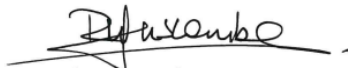
We ask for a letter of interest, so that students appreciate the purpose of the trip and that they are choosing to go for the right reasons. Please email your letter to: r.luscombe@ripon.outwood.com

We want to emphasise that whilst this is an educational trip; one we know students will remember for a long time to come, students will have some free time in Ypres.

Students who do not meet behaviour or attendance expectations will not be permitted to attend.

Should your child wish to express interest in attending this trip, expressions of interest should be submitted to Mrs Luscombe by **Friday 10th October 2025**. Deposits will be requested shortly after this date, through the school IPay system.

I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Luscombe', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Yours faithfully,
R. Luscombe
Head of Humanities