



NOTTINGHAM
FREE SCHOOL

21 September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

Tour of the Battlefields of World War I

As the United Kingdom commemorates the centenary of World War I, the importance of understanding and acknowledging the significance of this event becomes ever greater. Nottingham Free School has the opportunity to select two pupils to represent our school on a tour of the battlefields of World War I. This is a national programme funded by the government, and as such, no financial contribution from parents is required.

The programme is run by educational experts at the UCL Institute of Education, and will be accompanied by a teacher from Nottingham Free School. The programme is designed to:

- enable students to develop a personal connection to the First World War through interacting with the battlefield sites, participating in remembrance ceremonies, recording, reflecting and sharing their own experiences,
- create an enduring legacy by supporting schools in establishing commemorative projects,
- bring different organisations together, and reach into communities.

The tour will be travelling with students and teachers from 14 other schools to the battlefields of the Ypres Salient (Belgium) and The Somme (France) on a 3 night/4 day tour from Friday 5th February to Monday 8th February. This involves overseas travel via coach and Eurotunnel. It is therefore imperative your child has:

- a full and valid passport,
- an EHIC card – more details can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>,
- travel insurance - available through the tour operator, Equity, at a cost of £2.59 per child.

When you agree to your child taking part you are agreeing that their personal First World War related story, schoolwork, audio or audio-visual recordings and still images featuring them, may appear on the First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme and Equity websites and possibly used for publicity purposes on radio, TV, online and/or in print too.

As there are only two places available for a very interesting and important tour, and we anticipate high demand, we have decided to run a competition to select the two Year 8 students who have shown that they would benefit the most from this opportunity. If they wish to be considered, your child needs to **work in a pair** to complete a piece of work in

whatever format they wish commemorating World War I and the people who died during this conflict. This piece of work should be submitted to the Humanities Department no later than **Friday 2nd October 2015**. For more information, they can speak to a member of the Humanities Department. The winning pair will be selected to take part in the trip.

If your son/daughter would like to take part, please complete the attached consent form and return it to the school by **Friday 25th September 2015**. If you have any questions or concerns you would like answering please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



Thomas Mole
Teacher of History and Humanities

I/we give consent for my son/daughter _____ in tutor group 8.____ to take part in the battlefield tour between 5th and the 8th February 2016.

I/we also consent that their completed work, image and recordings may be used on the First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme and Equity websites, and for publicity purposes.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Date: _____

Please return this consent form to student reception by **Friday 25th September 2015**.