

# GREYFRIARS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear families

## **Battlefields Trip 11th February - 13th February 2026 Ypres, Belgium**

It is with great excitement that I write to you to introduce our Battlefields trip which will take place in February 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity for those interested in History to explore the areas affected during WW1.

We will visit Belgium, staying in Ypres which is situated in the west of Belgium, near the French border. Students will stay in multi-bedded rooms, all of which have en-suite facilities. The hotel also has recreational areas which our students will have access to. Breakfast and dinner will be provided by the hotel on the days specified.

Our proposed itinerary will give us the chance to explore different aspects of WW1, including a number of cemeteries, particularly Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemetery, the Somme Battlefields, Lochnagar Crater, the Hooge Crater Museum and town centers such as Ypres.

We will be travelling with the renowned tour company, Halsbury Travel and have entrusted them with the planning of this trip. They have a comprehensive safety management system and are fully bonded through ABTA and ATOL. They meet all the requirements of the DfE guidelines. The cost of the trip includes comprehensive travel insurance for all those attending.

We will be travelling via an executive coach with a professional and experienced driver. The coach remains with us throughout the tour and has air conditioning and toilet facilities. We will travel via ferry from Dover to Calais. This is a 3-day trip with 2 nights in Belgium.

### **What is included in the price?**

- Comprehensive travel insurance, including that for medical emergencies.
- Return travel
- 2 nights **half-board** accommodation (first meal - Tuesday evening)
- Full trip programme



Lunches are not provided and students will need to bring money to buy lunch for the days we are away. Whilst we can include this in the cost, we have found that students don't tend to want to eat the lunches that are provided and so have not included this.

### **How to book**

The total cost of this tour is **£285**. In order to secure a place on the trip, please pay a non-refundable deposit of **£50** by **Monday 3rd February 2025**. The schedule for payments is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payment</b>
Monday 3rd February 2025	£50
Tuesday 1st April 2025	£100
Monday 3rd November 2025	£135

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium, we may be able to offer financial assistance. Please contact Mrs Fiona Easton ([f.easton@gfcs.uk](mailto:f.easton@gfcs.uk)) to discuss this.

There are a limited number of spaces on this trip. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be awarded using random allocation. Please note that poor behaviour in school can disqualify students from attending trips.

Deposit payments of £50 should be made electronically via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) using the payment item 'Battlefields Trip February 2026' payment item. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the school.

You will need to complete the consent details on ParentPay, including passport information.

### **Passports**

Students will need to have their own valid passport for this trip. Please be aware that you are responsible for organising the correct visa for your child if they require one for travelling to Europe. Students will also need to have an up-to-date GHIC.



Thank you for taking an interest in this project. If you have any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me via [b.nash@gfcs.uk](mailto:b.nash@gfcs.uk)

Yours faithfully

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