

Year 9 History & French Study Visit: July 2016

The French and History departments at Vandyke are running a cross-curricular trip to France and Belgium for Year 9 students in July 2016. This trip is designed to build on the topics delivered in Year 9 History and French lessons and will support students in their continued study of the subjects at GCSE.

This trip provides students with an outstanding opportunity to further their knowledge of World War One by experiencing the battlefields of France and Belgium where the fighting took place, in particular at Ypres and Peronne. Students will be given an invaluable insight into this key aspect of history while being guided around the battlefields. This trip is particularly poignant as we will be visiting the area on the 100th anniversary of one of the most significant battles of the conflict – the Battle of the Somme. This trip is designed to build confidence and cultivate interest in students who are considering opting for GCSE History. Students will have the opportunity to analyse sources, develop their enquiry skills and appreciate the significance of this war in the wider context of modern history.

This visit is also intended to give students a 'taste of France' and life there. It will be a working holiday, giving students the opportunity to further their knowledge of French and the culture and use some of the language they have learnt. The visit is intended for Year 9 students who want to develop their comprehension skills and confidence in speaking French and who may be considering taking French as one of their GCSE options next year.

The cost for travel, accommodation, food, excursions and insurance will be approximately £500. All meals will be provided and the food is typically French, though special dietary requirements can be catered for. We will travel to and from France by coach via the Euro Tunnel and we will stay for 3 nights in accommodation in Northern France. We will also spend a day sightseeing in Paris and the final day at the popular French theme park 'Euro Disney'.

If you require more information please do not hesitate in contacting us here at Vandyke. Full details and an opportunity to sign up for this trip will be available once students join us in Year 9.

Yours sincerely



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