



RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL

A TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

Headmaster: T. G. Cahill B.Sc. (Hons)



2nd December 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The History Department are now preparing for our annual trip to the battlefields of the First World War. This will be the tenth time we have organised this trip and each year it has been a great success, providing one of the highlights of our students' time at Richard Challoner.

During the trip we will go to some of the major battle sites of the Western Front on the Ypres Salient (Belgium) and the Somme (France), and visit cemeteries and memorials that commemorate the sacrifice of countless lives on both sides. In History lessons pupils will prepare for the trip by studying the causes and key features of the war, and researching local and family history. Preparatory work will also be done in Geography, Religious Education, Art and Science and there will be opportunities for the boys to practise French listening and speaking on the trip. The Year 9 pupils who went last year are currently applying their experiences of the trip to a GCSE English coursework assignment.

The cost of the trip is **£180**. This is all-inclusive of travel, hotel accommodation, meals, tours of the trenches and insurance. The dates are **Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th March 2010**. I am delighted to say that there are places for all Year Nine pupils.

In order to complete the booking I am requesting a non-returnable deposit of **£40** to reach us by **Friday 8th January** and I will ask for the remainder of the cost to be paid in two £70 instalments, or in a lump sum, by **Friday 12th February 2010**. You may pay the whole amount right away if you wish. Please complete the attached slip and return it to the cash office with a cheque payable to Richard Challoner School.

Each student will need a valid passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). See <https://www.ehic.org.uk/InternetPROD/home.do> for details of the EHIC card application. **Please apply for these now if you do not already have them - your son will not be able to come on the trip without a valid passport and EHIC.**

I do hope that you feel that the trip is worthwhile. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below or via my email address. I will be in touch in due course with further details.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Coll
Head of History
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Please return to the cash office on or before Friday 8th January 2010

I give permission for my son to attend the Battlefields Trip (March 3rd - 5th 2010)

I enclose £40/ £180 as the *non- returnable deposit / whole cost*.

I wish to make the remaining payments *in two instalments / in a lump sum*.

(Delete as applicable)

Student's Name _____ Tutor Group _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____