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From strength to strength

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**Balcarra Year 8 Battlefields trip to France and Belgium- Monday - 08/07/2019 – Thursday
11/07/2019**

Dear parents/guardians,

The school history department is planning a trip to the Battlefields of World War One in Belgium and France. It is now the centenary of the First World War and we would like our students to experience, at first hand, the sites and battlefields that millions of our soldiers fought at during 1914-1918. We will visit two main areas where British troops were based: the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium. We have booked an excellent 4 star hostel in Ypres. More details will be available in due course.

We have employed a guide, Mr Mike Fitzgerald, who has run 33 trips to the battlefields and is an experienced teacher and passionate supporter of the educational benefits of this trip. Mr Fitzgerald has now run two of our battlefields trips and has provided a litany of personal research to many students on our trips. His input has truly made for unforgettable experiences.

The trip has been granted permission to leave during school time from **Monday - 08/07/2019 – Thursday 11/07/2019**. The total cost of the trip is **£325** will include all accommodation over the 3 nights, food and a commemorative hoodie. The trip will also feature some cultural entertainments.

To get an idea of numbers and commitment we request that you pay a deposit of £100 to secure your child's place on the trip. If you require a code please email sed@balcarra.gloucs.sch.uk. If you are unable to pay online, please make cheques payable to **Balcarra School**. The deadline will be the **15th December** to have your child's place secured. Should there be oversubscription, a member of Senior Management Team will choose names from a ballot system. Refunds would be returned in this instance only. We are hoping to fill around 40 places. The remaining payments will be arranged after Christmas!

There will be a parents' information evening in May/June 2019 where more information will be given about the trip. If there, any urgent inquiries please do not hesitate to email using the address below.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Stoker
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I can confirm that my child _____ intends to go on the Battlefields Trip.

I have paid the non-refundable deposit online ()

Please return this slip to MKS or your history teacher.



Headteacher
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