

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Proposed Visit to WW1 Battlefields, Belgium - 16 to 19 July 2018**

We are proposing to run a trip to Belgium for a visit to the WW1 battlefields.

We will depart from school on Monday 16 July at 13:00 and travel to Hull by coach where we will cross to Belgium by ferry. During our stay we will visit several museums, war cemeteries, trenches, caterpillar mine craters and witness the daily Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. We will arrive back at school at approximately 12 noon on Thursday 19 July.

The cost of the trip will be £350 per pupil which includes travel, accommodation at the Peace Village Hostel, situated in rural Messines, all meals during our stay and all activities. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the journey to the ferry port at Hull and some spending money as there will be an opportunity to go shopping in a well-known Belgian chocolate shop.

An initial deposit of £90 will need to be paid by Thursday 21 September 2017. The first instalment of £90 will be required by 16 November, the second instalment of £90 by 1 February and third instalment of £80 by 5 April 2018. For security, all payments should be made online at [www.scopay.com/ripley](http://www.scopay.com/ripley) using your personal login details from the letter issued to pupils. If you have any problems using the online payment system please contact the school office for assistance.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in this visit, please complete the attached application form and pay the deposit by Thursday 21 September 2017. The form should be returned to the blue box outside Learning Support in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and "Battlefields 2018" on the outside.

With regard to cancellations we will endeavour to re-allocate the place but we cannot guarantee a full refund where irrecoverable costs have been incurred. Where cancellation arises for justifiable reason (eg medical grounds) then this would usually be covered by our travel insurance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Goulds  
Subject Leader English

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**Application form for WW1 Battlefields, Belgium**

All activities, events or trips that are not a necessary part of the curriculum are subject to the Passport to Privilege (P2P) protocol, which recognises and rewards good effort and behaviour. The principles of the Passport to Privilege are regularly outlined by progress leaders through assemblies and displayed on posters in form rooms. It is clear that a positive attitude to behaviour and studies will result in the opportunity to participate in events and activities organised by Ripley colleagues.

Parents must also be aware that, if at any point prior to the trip, concerns are raised about your child’s attitude and / or behaviour, Ripley reserves the right to withdraw the invitation to participate. If this were to happen, whilst every effort would be made to make a refund this may not always be possible.

I accept the P2P principles and request that my son /daughter

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TUTOR GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

be considered for a place on the **WW1 Battlefields, Belgium Trip**

TRIP LEADER **Mrs R Goulds**

DATE(s) OF TRIP **16 to 19 July 2018**

I understand that places on this trip will be allocated based on P2P principles. The decision to offer a place will be made in consultation with the trip leader, my child’s progress leader and members of the school senior leadership team.

**Online payment for £90 for the deposit made on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)**

Signed..... Parent/Guardian

Date.....