

DEVELOPMENT OF WARFARE TOUR – AGINCOURT AND THE SOMME
2-DAY TOUR - SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Day 1

Depart School
 Collect Guides
 Outbound crossing:

Arrive Agincourt:

The Agincourt Visitor Centre and Museum

The British Army 1415: recruitment, training and composition of a feudal army. The roles of the infantry, archer and the knight. New forms of weaponry: kit demonstration, the longbow.

Battlefield walk

Understanding the size of the battlefield. How did the army's commander direct the troops? Tactics & technology: what formations were used on the battlefield and why. Opening moves: French cavalry charge and subsequent advance of Men at Arms.
 New forms of weaponry: the impact of the longbow.

Agincourt Battlefield Memorial

What was the outcome of the battle for the English army? Plundering the battlefield. The impact of Agincourt on the army and civilians.

- Depart for accommodation
- Dinner in accommodation
- Briefing for day 2 as required

Day 2

After breakfast depart for the Somme by coach with packed lunch

Newfoundland Memorial Park

The British Army 1916: recruitment, training and composition. How had the army changed since Waterloo? Professionals, volunteers and conscripts. Understanding the growing size of the battlefield: how did a commander direct the troops?

Battlefield walk

Tactics & technology: What battlefield formations were used and why. The nature of trench warfare and attrition. Industrialised warfare: the development of machine guns and poison gas. The impact of artillery



Auchonvillers – Show and tell with packed Lunches

New forms of weaponry: kit demonstration: weaponry and equipment of Tommy Atkins on the Western Front

Lochnagar Crater

The development of mine warfare during the Great War

Bazentin Ridge

Tactics & technology: What tactics were used to overcome deadlock in the trenches. The role of cavalry on the Western Front. Generalship during the Great War.

Caterpillar Valley CWGC

The development and changing nature of aerial warfare

Thiepval Memorial to the Missing

What was the outcome of the Battle for the Somme for British army? The impact of the Great War on the army and civilians. War reporting, censorship and propaganda. Lessons learned and developments up to the turn of the twentieth century.

Warfare in the modern era. Hi-tech weaponry

- Depart for Calais
- Inbound crossing
- Arrive UK local time
- Arrive at school approx.