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**St Anne's Roman Catholic High School: 3-Day Battlefield Tour – February 2017**

## Ypres and the Somme



### Day 1

Depart Stockport on executive coach.  
Collect Anglia guide en route to Folkstone.  
Eurotunnel crossing Folkstone – Calais.  
Arrive Ypres, Belgium.

### Lijssenthoek

Causes of the Great War, 1914 battles, ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Empire troops, the role of women in the Great War?

### Bayernwald trench system

The development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, technology, problems with trench fighting.

### Last Post Ceremony

An opportunity for the group to attend the daily Act of Remembrance and to lay a wreath during the Last Post Ceremony .

### Day 2

### Lochnagar Crater

Overview of the Somme battlefields; The development of Kitchener's Army; Outline of the plan for 1 July 1916; The development of mine warfare in the Great War; the build-up to Zero Hour.

### Newfoundland Memorial Park

Preserved trench system; the medical context; Issues of health and hygiene in the trenches; comparison between battlefield casualties to illness in previous conflicts – what changes? The men of the Newfoundland Regiment 1 July 1916.

### Sunken Lane

'The Battle of the Somme'. Attack of 1st Lancashire Fusiliers; consideration of casualty rates and the differing nature of battlefield wounds; what medical treatment was available on the battlefield? How do you move casualties and where to?

### Old Beaumont Road

The chain of evacuation; following 1st Lancashire Fusiliers to the Regimental Aid Post (RAP) - what treatment is available. The role of Medical Officers and Stretcher Bearers; Infection, trauma and blood loss.

*Day 2 continued overleaf*



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#### **Surgery & Treatment kit demonstration**

A demonstration of the triage process using period equipment and medical supplies; what treatment is available? The role of the RAMC; the use of x-rays; blood transfusions and the Thomas Splint.

#### **Fricourt German Cemetery**

German cemetery ethos: the role of the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge (VDK); Manfred von Richthofen; reconciliation.

#### **Auchonvillers British Military Cemetery**

Site of a former Advanced Dressing Station (ADS); how are casualties transported from ADS to CCS; the role of Nursing Staff including FANY; the role of surgeons and the development of new medical techniques; treating gas casualties; abdominal wounds etc.; what happens to those who don't make it?; the role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

#### **Thiepval Memorial to the Missing**

The Somme – a British victory? the impact of the battle; an opportunity for reflection.

### Day 3

#### **Poperinghe – The Firing Post**

Military discipline in the Great War; Courts Martial; punishment and executions.

#### **Langemarck Germany Cemetery – German Perspective**

German cemetery ethos, Slaughter of the Innocents, Hitler's 1940 visit, causes of WW2, reconciliation.

#### **Tyne Cot – Remembrance**

Subjects covered may include: 1917 – 3rd Ypres (Passchendaele), 1918 – the end of the war, Remembrance – option of wreath-laying.

Depart Ypres for Calais.  
Eurotunnel crossing Calais - Folkestone.  
Arrive UK.  
Arrive back at Stockport.