

DEVELOPMENT OF WARFARE TOUR – YPRES & DUNKIRK
2-DAY TOUR - SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Day 1

Depart School
Collect Guides
Outbound crossing:

Arrive Ypres Salient

The First World War

Gheluvelde

1914 The outbreak of War; why did the Schlieffen Plan fail? From war of manoeuvre to the onset of stalemate.

Bayernwald

The development of Trench warfare; trench routine; life in the Trenches.

Hill 60

1915 – 1916; new methods of warfare; mining; the use of Gas.

Langemarck

German Military Cemetery; 'Slaughter of the Innocents'; the significance of Hitler's 1940 visit; links to the causes of WW2.

Tyne Cot CWGC

British Military Cemetery; 3rd Ypres the Battle of Passchendaele. The Advance to Victory and all arms warfare.

Evening meal in Ypres.

Last Post Ceremony

- Depart for accommodation
- Briefing for day 2 as required



Day 2

After breakfast depart for the Somme by coach with packed lunch

The Second World War

Cassel

The Inter War years; developments in tactics and technology; The Invasion of France 1940; Blitzkrieg Theory.

Cassel Bunker

The “Phoney War”; development of static lines of defence; the purpose of the bunker; how was it taken?

Wormhout

The massacre of 2nd Warwickshire. Ethics in warfare; the Geneva Convention and links to modern conflicts.

Defence of the Canal

The real miracle of Dunkirk; the role of Combat Engineers; the use of air power; communications issues; accounts of those who held the line.

Bray Dunes

The Beach; evacuation of the BEF; Victory or Disaster – the British view? What lessons were learned? Final thoughts and summary.

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