

Year 9 – Battlefields Trip

Ypres & the Somme



Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

Year 9 History: Conflict and Cooperation



Throughout Year 9, our students study a Twentieth Century History module.

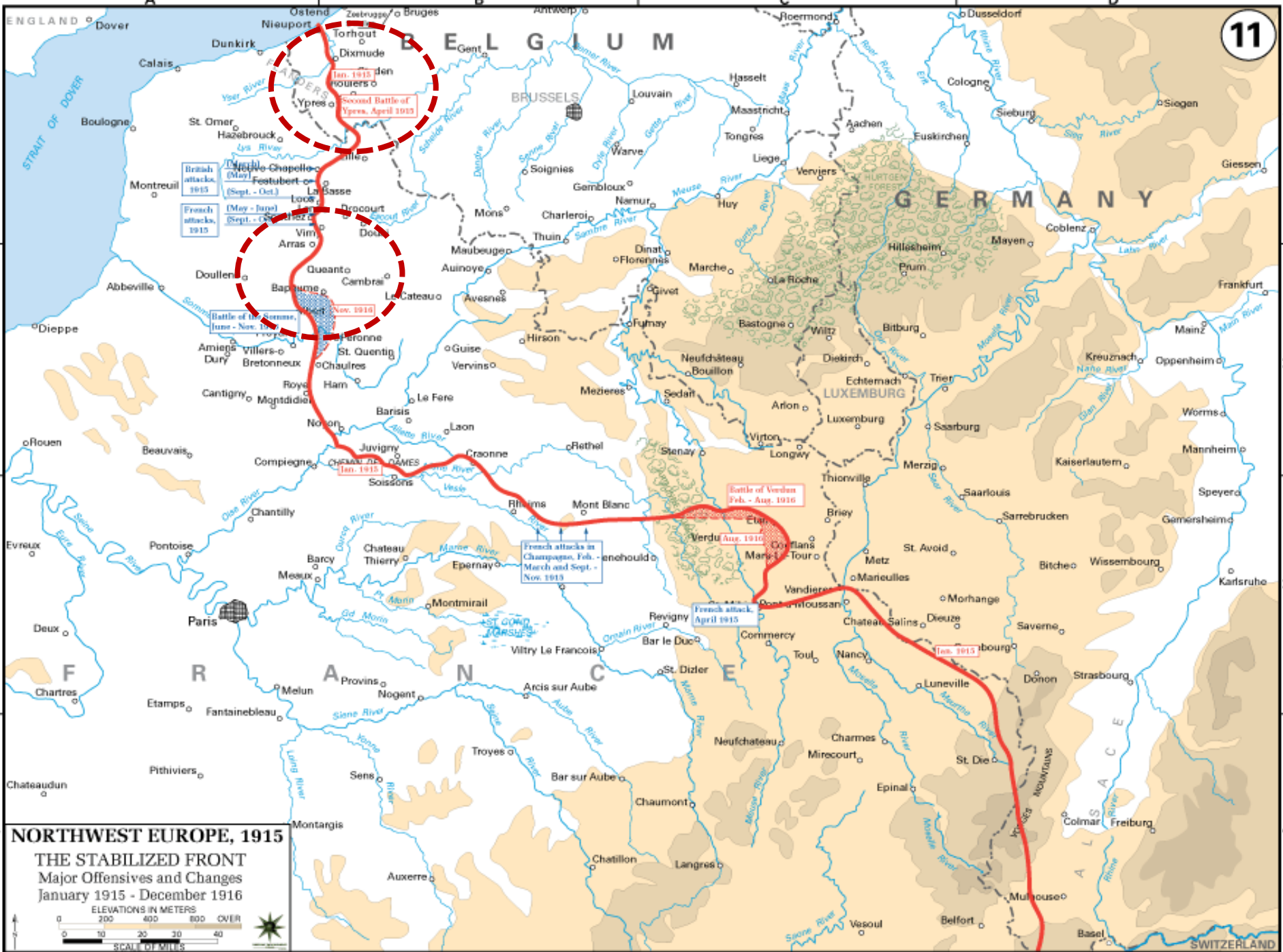
This course covers: the causes, events, and consequences of the First World War, the Second World, and the Cold War.

At present, we are studying the First World War, looking in particular at the experiences of the soldiers in the trenches.

About the trip



- The Battlefields Trip is designed as an enrichment opportunity which supports our students' study of Twentieth Century conflict.
- The trip forms part of our First World War depth study
- In addition, this trip is a valuable cultural experience that will enable our students to visit sites of incredible historical significance.



NORTHWEST EUROPE, 1915
THE STABILIZED FRONT
Major Offensives and Changes
January 1915 - December 1916

ELEVATIONS IN METERS
0 200 400 800 OVER

SCALE OF MILES
0 10 20 30 40

Day 1. Location 1: Lijssenthoek CWGC



Lijssenthoek was the site of a field hospital and provides an insight into the role of women, labourers and soldiers from across the globe.

This gives us an opportunity to learn about the CWGC and the work that they do.



Day 1. Location 2: Bayernwald trench system



- These are preserved and reconstructed trenches that we can walk through and explore.
- This provides a fantastic insight into some of the problems of trench fighting and an opportunity to learn about life for soldiers in the trenches.



Day 1. Location 3: Langemark cemetery



- German cemetery with large numbers of German war dead.
- Opportunity to see how other nations remembered and commemorated their war dead
- Over 44,000 German war dead were buried here.



Day 1. Location 4: Passchenaële Museum



- The museum is a deep dive into the Third Battle of Ypres and the significance of this battle.
- Opportunity to explore the bunker system



Day 1. Location 5: Tyne Cot cemetery



- Largest cemetery that commemorates Allied war dead.
- In addition to the vast cemetery, there is also a memorial to missing. Many of the soldiers here died in the last few months of the war.
- There are 12,000 burials here and an additional 13,000 names of those who were recorded as missing in action.



Day 1. Location 6: Menin Gate & Ypres



- Take part in the daily act of commemoration at the memorial in the centre of Ypres.
- Three students will be selected to lay a wreath to commemorate the war dead on behalf of Sandringham School.
- Let me know if you are interested in this.



Day 2. Location 1: Sunken Lane



- Opportunity for a deep dive into the Battle of the Somme and the significance of this battle for the war.
- Learn about the recruitment of volunteers and the experience of ‘going over the top’



Day 2. Location 2: Auchonvillers



- Handle weaponry and equipment from the war
- Learn about medical treatments and developments such as the Thomas Splint and blood transfusions that were pioneered during the war



Day 2. Location 3: Newfoundland Park



Newfoundland Regiment, a Canadian regiment, attacked here on the 1st of July 1916, and suffered appalling losses.

After the War, Newfoundland purchased this land in 1921 and have maintained it since as a memorial.

Much of the trench lines and battle scars have been untouched – here you can walk through the preserved trenches and view an undisturbed battlefield first hand.



Day 2. Location 4: Thiepval Memorial Centre

The Thiepval Memorial, the **Memorial to the Missing** of the Somme, bears the names of more than **72,000** officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave.

Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916.



Key information



Hostel: Munchenhof hostel, Markt 43, 8920 Langemark-Poelkapelle

Meals: Friday packed lunch – Provided by local supplier

Evening meal – Restaurant in Ypres

Breakfast – Hostel

Packed lunch – Provided by hostel

Rooms: We will arrange rooming on Tuesday 31st (during lunchtime). I will email you with details about the room sizes and groups.

What to bring



Clothing: Students are not required to wear uniform. Please bring layers of clothing that are suitable for cold / wet weather. A waterproof coat and muddy footwear are essential! You may wish to bring a change of shoes for the evening.

Towels: The hostel does not provide towels. Please make sure that you bring your own.

Food: Students will be provided with lunch (Friday & Saturday), dinner (Friday) & breakfast (Saturday). Please bring any other food with you that you may want for snacks.

There will be an opportunity to stop to at the Eurotunnel where students are welcome to buy food on Friday morning and Saturday evening.

Spending Money: If students wish to purchase gifts they will need to bring additional spending money. This will need to be in Euros as there is not anywhere to change money on the trip.

Key information



Date: 3rd – 4th November 2023

Timings: TBC (approx. 4:00 – 4:30) meet at Sandringham Crescent

22.00 (PM) anticipated pick-up from **Sandringham School**

Important note re: timings

I am currently discussing the departure time with the travel company. I will send a letter via Parent Mail to confirm timings as soon as I have them.

Staff



We will be travelling together on one large coach with seven members of staff: Mr. Leat, Miss Durrant, Miss Edwards, Miss Weston, Mr. Foy and Mr. Cracknell

We will also have two specialist tour guides, who will be delivering talks and interactive sessions at each of the locations. Please ask them questions!

When we are arriving and leaving at sites, you will need to check in with your group leader. If you have any medication, you should give it to your group leader on the Friday morning before we depart.

What next?



Please ensure that you leave the following documentation with us before you leave:

- Passport
- Medical Form
- Told us about any dietary requirements/ allergies

If you have any issues or do not have this documentation, please speak to myself or a member of staff this evening.

In preparation...



Visit www.cwgc.org – you can look up your family name and find any relatives who may be buried or commemorated at one of the memorials.

The screenshot displays the CWGC website interface. At the top left is the CWGC logo and the text 'Commonwealth War Graves Commission'. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'About Us', 'Find War Dead' (highlighted in green), 'Find a Cemetery', 'Learning and Resources', 'News & Events', and 'Contact Us'. Below the menu, a breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: Home > Find War Dead'. The main heading is 'Find War Dead' followed by a search bar. Below this, there are instructions: 'Here are your results. Too many? Use the filter on the left to narrow them down.' and 'To save your results you need to be a registered user. Click here to register with us.' The search results section shows a search for Surname: 'heath' and Cemetery or memorial: 'THIEPVAL MEMORIAL'. There are buttons for 'NEW SEARCH' and 'EXPORT DATA'. On the left, there is a 'Filter Results' section with 'FILTER RESULTS' and 'CLEAR' buttons, and a 'Surname' input field containing 'heath'.