

A NEW GENERATION REMEMBERS

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY
BATTLEFIELD TOURS PROGRAMME



Exclusive opportunity to participate
in a **FREE** English Literature themed
First World War battlefields tour

As part of the government's educational commitment to the centenary of the First World War, one teacher and two students from every eligible secondary and middle school throughout England can spend four days visiting key locations associated with the First World War.

Highlights include:

- An exploration of the themes of community and comradeship, courage, cowardice and social class associated with *RC Sherriff's Journey's End* and *Michael Morpurgo's Private Peaceful*, visiting Lijssenthoek Cemetery, Talbot House, the Death Cells and Passchendaele Memorial Museum
- A visit to Essex Farm Cemetery close to where *John McCrae* wrote his iconic poem *In Flanders Fields* and a visit to Vancouver Corner, commemorating the victims of the gas attacks described in *Wilfred Owen's Dulce et Decorum Est*
- A full day on the Somme Battlefields, with the itinerary retracing the footsteps of the war poets including *Rupert Brooke*, *Julian Grenfell*, *Charles Sorley*, *Will Street* and *Siegfried Sassoon*; helping students to understand the reasons for the gradual move away from traditional romantic reflections of the battlefields to the horrific reality
- An exploration of the landscape around Thiepval which provided the inspiration for *JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings* and how *Erich Remarque's* devastating novel *All Quiet on the Western Front* reflected what it was really like fighting on the Somme
- Involvement in the moving **Last Post Ceremony** at the Menin Gate
- For the Autumn 2017 tour: attendance at a **special production of Journey's End**, staged at Ypres' iconic Ammunitions Dump and participation in a **pottery workshop** to contribute to the development of the Belgian government's new official art installation to honour all who fell in Ypres a century ago

The tour is unlike anything your school may have participated in before...

A team of experts travel with each coach and include an accompanying:

- UCL Institute of Education leader, providing innovative learning activities to explore in greater depth the literature of war; and continuing professional development sessions for participating teachers
- Battlefields Guide with a war literature specialism, to place related poetry, novels and plays into their historical context
- Serving soldier from the British Army, who provides a view of how warfare and the public reaction to it has changed since 1914

Tour dates

Autumn 2017 Depart: Fri, 27th Oct; Return: Mon, 30th Oct

Spring 2018 Depart: Fri, 16th Feb Return: Mon, 19th Feb
Depart: Sun, 25th Feb Return: Weds, 28th Feb

Summer 2018 TBA

Autumn 2018 TBA

Spring 2019 TBA

Interested?

Register for your free tour place at

www.centenarybattlefieldtours.org, advising you are interested in the English Literature tour. Or email us at WW1@equity.co.uk and we'll be in touch. Full details of the free government programme can be found at www.centenarybattlefieldtours.org