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September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Kelso High School Battlefields Experience 2019**

I am writing to you with details of an exciting educational opportunity that is open to every third year student in Kelso High School. For the 18<sup>th</sup> year we are offering a "Battlefields Experience" trip to Belgium and France. Last year we took 90% of our S3 and this year we are hoping to take even more.

It is a thought-provoking and worthwhile educational experience and forms a very fitting way of marking their transition into the Senior Phase of their education.

Mercat Tours claim that their trip 'changes' the students involved, and that they come back as more reflective and mature individuals. It is a big claim to make but it is certainly no idle boast. During previous trips our students found out a great deal about not just World War 1, but also about themselves. The supervising staff were convinced that all of our students had engaged with real issues in a very deep way, and that their experiences would encourage them to think hard about their role in the community.

**We hope to take every S3 student to France and Belgium for 5 days from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019.** I will co-ordinate the trip, and a number of other members of staff will be involved.

This is a very ambitious undertaking which offers your child real benefits. Parents/carers will have many questions, which this booklet attempts to answer, but should you require further details please contact me at school.

The Battlefields Experience once again promises to develop our young people in a very dramatic way. I hope that your child is able to take part and would ask that you return the attached form or reply to this email to confirm your interest. Final confirmation is due by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Wilson  
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