



3rd April 2014

Dear Old Scholar

I am writing to personally invite you to come on a school trip as part of this School's commemorations for the 100th anniversary of the First World War from 2014 to 2018. The trip to Flanders will take place on Tuesday 24th June 2014.

This is no ordinary school trip. We will be visiting the graves of soldiers who had been pupils at this school, and placing wreaths at their memorials. The tour will include a visit to the Menin Gate in Ypres which is the memorial for soldiers whose graves are unknown. We will also visit Sanctuary Wood to learn about life in the trenches of the First World War.

Year 8 pupils will be going on this trip and, as this is such an important occasion we have extended the invitation to Old Scholars and parents of current Year 8 pupils. This will mean that pupils are surrounded by people who have a deeper understanding of the First World War and they will therefore have a much better appreciation of why this was such a key part of our recent history.

We will travel by coach to Flanders and between stops there will be commentary about the places we are visiting which will provide an invaluable context for the day. My grateful thanks to Mrs Deirdre Mills, Director of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, for providing source material for the commentary.

The cost of the trip is £48 and this includes all costs (travel, entry fees, packed breakfast, lunch and tea). We will be meeting in the top car park behind the main school building at 6am and returning at 9pm the same day. If you would like to come on this trip please complete the booking form and return it to me by Tuesday 22nd April 2014.

I will be attending the trip, along with the Chair of the Board of Management, Chair of Governors and other governors. Further details are included with this letter and I do hope you are able to join us on what promises to be a very interesting and moving experience.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D Spencer Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul D Spencer Ellis
Headmaster