



Anglia Tours Newsletter - September 2016



Dear Head of History

Welcome back to the start of the 2016-17 Academic year. I do hope you had a fantastic summer and the opportunity to recharge your batteries ahead of the return to school.

No doubt, over the coming months, the new GCSE History specifications which have now been introduced will throw up fresh opportunities as well as a range of new material to be covered in class. Judging by some of the exchanges posted in the various online teaching fora, it seems likely that, in many cases, it will also mean adopting a slightly different approach to those areas which have been part of the specifications for some time - something which our tours can really help with.

By way of example, in this newsletter I've included details of our new Surgery & Treatment on the Western Front tour which has been designed specifically to support Pearson Edexcel's GCSE History Option 11: **The British Sector of the Western Front 1914-18: Injuries, Treatment and the Trenches**. We were delighted that in July, Pearson Edexcel formally endorsed the itinerary for this tour which it found "enriches the overall learning experience of this course".

Given that all 3 exam boards now have modules which cover the **Cold War**, whether in the Period Study or Depth Study, I have also included an outline of one of our 3-day Berlin Cold War tours. So whilst this provides an indication of what can be covered, as with each Anglia tour, you determine the focus of the itinerary.

As ever you will find much more information on all our tours both on the Anglia [website](#) as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Yours

Ian Coyne
Commercial Director, Anglia Tours

One of the best trips we do. Booking again for next year - The Grange School

Surgery & Treatment on the Western Front

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**ANGLIA
TOURS**

Battlefield tours have been a fixture in many a school calendar for a number of years because they really do offer the perfect opportunity for students to see, walk and explore the landscape of the Western Front for themselves. The introduction, this year, of the Historic Environment now affords a real opportunity to immerse students in the experiences of their forefathers, especially during this, the Centenary of the Great War.



Anglia's fully-guided 'Surgery & Treatment on the Western Front' tour provides an engaging and relevant introduction to the warfare context and historical environment of Medicine on the Western Front.

Our 1 and 2-day programmes begin on the front line with a visit to the trenches from where we follow the casualty evacuation chain back down the line. At each stage we look at the roles of the personnel involved and the equipment available helping students to visualise the more physical problems of the environment in a way which a text book cannot.

Each of our Surgery & Treatment tours also includes a guide-led demonstration of a selection of the medical equipment which was available on the Western Front which will bring the topic alive for your students.

But you don't just have to take our word for it...

For more details on this tour and the full Pearson Edexcel endorsement statement please click [here](#).

Alternatively you can contact us by email at: info@angliatours.co.uk or you can call us on 01376 574130 and ask to speak to one of our team of Tour Coordinators.

Another outstanding tour...swamped with messages of gratitude from parents - Calthorpe Park School

BUSK Approved Status



Anglia has always considered the safety of all who travel with us to be our number one priority. We are therefore delighted to announce that we are the first Schools' Tour Operator in England to have been awarded BUSK Approved member status.

BUSK works to promote safe child road transport throughout the UK and specialises in all aspects of home to school transport, school trips in the UK and school visits abroad.

Like all BUSK Approved Tour Operators we have undergone an independent audit to evidence our high safety standards and to demonstrate that the coach drivers we work with on all our school trips are suitably accommodated so they will be well rested and refreshed each time they drive your party.

If you would like more information on BUSK, the free services it provides for parents and schools or simply want to check whether a tour operator has been BUSK Approved just click here: www.busk-uk.co.uk

Outstanding. Right at the level of our students - Etonbury Academy

The Cold War

This year, with the Cold War the focus of so many AS, A level and GCSE History modules, is the perfect time to plan your school's trip to Berlin.

Few places on Earth experienced the Cold War in such a dramatic fashion as Berlin. At the heart of a nation divided by ideological and physical barriers and occupied by bitterly opposed rivals, the people of Berlin suffered for nearly half a century.

Anglia's in-depth knowledge of Berlin and the many sites it has to offer enables us to design tailor-made itineraries for our groups.

So whether your students are following:

- Pearson Edexcel GCSE Period Study Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941–91
- AQA GCSE Wider World Depth Study Conflict and tension between East and West 1945–1972
- OCR A level Non-British Period Study Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919–1963

or one of the many other Cold War modules, you can be sure that, with Anglia your school trip to Berlin will visit the perfect places to develop your students' knowledge and understanding.



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As always, complete brilliance – Kings High School for Girls

The Great War Centenary 1917-2017



In April 1917 east of Arras, the British Army launched its first major offensive of the year. In the 12 months that followed as tactics and technology developed the British would experience success at Arras, Messines and, for a while, on the Ypres Salient. And yet it is not military success that will perhaps be forever associated with 1917 but the blood-soaked fields of the Battle of Passchendaele - whose thick mud eventually became so deep that both men and horses would drown in it.

Throughout 2017 Anglia will be offering a range of fully-guided Centenary tours each of which focuses on key actions of the British Army on the Western Front in 1917.

The Great War

GREAT WAR CENTENARY

ANGLIA TOURS

2-day Arras, Messines & Ypres Tour
"Victory at Last?"
This tour will be available throughout 2017

Day 1:
Notre Dame de Lorette
The French Army of the Great War; the 3 Battles of Arras, 1914-1915.
A visit to the French National Memorial, the largest French Great War Cemetery and the 'Ring of Remembrance', commemorating men of all nationalities who fell in North-Paschale-Casles during the Great War.

Neville St Vaast German Cemetery
The German Imperial Army of the Great War; German defences around Arras; the apha and role of the Submarine Machine Gun (Vickers); link to the causes of WWI.

The Faudourg d'Amiens
The British Army in 1917; the role of the Empire; 2nd Lt W D Tull (2nd Middlesex); ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Arras Memorial to the Missing.

Wellington Quarry
The Underground War – guided tour of the tunnels used by the British Army in the lead up to the Arras Offensive of 1917.

Vimy Ridge
Pioneered trench system; trench construction; daily routine; the development of new weapons on the Western Front; the Battle of Arras April 1917; Canadian Memorial to the Missing.

Day 2:
Messines Ridge
The Ypres Salient in 1917 – operations; lessons learned from Arras and the Somme; German defences on the high ground; plan for the Messines offensive June 1917.

Spanbroekmolen Crater
Mine warfare on the Messines Ridge; Zero Hour (7th June 1917); going over the top.

The Welsh Memorial
3rd Ypres, 31st July 1917 – the Battle of Pilkem Ridge; what was the objective? Why the delay after the Battle of Messines?

Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917
Excellent museum which contains a recreated British bunker and trench system; the development of trench warfare, tactics and technology; an for a member of the army to dress in Great War uniform.

'The Road to Passchendaele'
Battlefield walk from Zonnebeke to Tyne Cot following the route of Australian 2nd Division using photographs, letters and diary entries of men who were part of the attack in October 1917.

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3rd Ypres the final phase: the Battle of Passchendaele October 1917 to the end of the war. Remembrance – option of wreath-laying.

The Menin Gate
Sir Frederick Blomfield's Memorial to the Missing on the Ypres Salient; site of the daily Last Post ceremony since 1928.

Our **1-day Arras & Vimy Ridge** tour looks at the 1917 Spring Offensive with visits which include: Wellington Quarry, Vimy Ridge as well as the largest French Great War Cemetery and the 'Ring of Remembrance' at Notre Dame de Lorette

Our **1-day Ypres Salient** tour begins at Messines where we look at the consequences of the mines blown in June 1917 before following the progress made by the British Army during the 3rd Battle of Ypres from its opening salvos through to its culmination on the ridge at Passchendaele.

By combining many of the aforementioned locations, our **'Victory at Last?' - 2-day Arras, Messines & Ypres** tour places the 1917 offensives in their historical and geographical context enabling students to see how the British army responded to the setbacks of the previous year and learned the lessons which would, eventually, set them on the path to victory.

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***I always recommend Anglia to fellow History teachers –
Lawrence Sheriff School***

CWGC Thiepval App

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission ([CWGC](http://www.cwgc.org)) has recently launched its free CWGC 'Thiepval App' making it easier than ever before to locate a soldier's name on the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.

The monument at Thiepval bears the names of over 72,000 men whose bodies were never recovered after the Battle of the Somme in 1916. As well as enabling visitors to locate individual soldiers on the many stone panels, the app reveals some of the stories behind the names.

Carl Liversage, Head of External Engagement for the CWGC in Western Europe said "As we commemorate the 141 days of the Battle of The Somme this new app allows you to search for all the casualties we commemorate on the Thiepval Memorial. Not only will you be able to view a detailed plan of the memorial but you can pin point a name on the panel, read personal stories and discover interesting facts."



Today, the cemeteries and memorials built and cared for by the CWGC portray the human cost of the battle, and of the fighting that took place across the Somme battlefields throughout the war.

Some 150,000 Commonwealth servicemen lie buried in 250 military and 150 civilian cemeteries on the Somme.

More than 100,000 were never found or identified. They are not forgotten, but are remembered by name on six memorials to those with no known grave.



The Thiepval APP which can be downloaded for free on IOS and Android allows users to:

- Easily locate a soldier's name on the memorial
- Read more than 900 personal stories which will bring you closer to the person behind the soldier; written and kindly provided by Pam and Ken Linge
- Explore some of the interesting facts by theme such as VC holders, poets, sportsmen, etc
- Read historical background information on the battles of the Somme and the 141 days
- View a Timeline where you can see the number of casualties per year, month and day
- Once downloaded the app doesn't require an internet connection

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