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Battlefields Tour: November 2018

Before dawn on Thursday 1st November, Mr Hesford and two Year 10 students set out on a journey that would take them miles from home and bring one of the most powerful chapters in history to life. They visited sites in Belgium and France linked to major battles of the First World War. If that wasn't enough of an incredible opportunity, this tour coincided with the 100th anniversary of the death of Britain's most famous war poet, Wilfred Owen, and offered students the chance to visit the town where Owen fought and died 100 years ago.



As part of the centenary commemorations of the First World War, free battlefields tours have been offered to students from every secondary school in the country. The Institute of Education, alongside Equity Tours, put together an intensive programme of events that enabled two of Sharples' Year 10 boys, Leighton Brown and AJ Rookes, to visit a number of important sites linked to the conflict that ended a century ago.

After a challenging first day of travel, where the M25 confirmed its reputation as Britain's most agonising stretch of road, the two students arrived with their teacher at the hostel in Mesen (Messines) late on Thursday night. The first full day of touring, Friday, saw them exploring sites linked to the Third Battle of Ypres in 1917. Messines Ridge, famously blown up by Allied soldiers using specially-constructed mines, was close to the accommodation for the first two nights and, as our guide explained the day after we checked out, still has undiscovered mines packed with explosives!

Friday also involved visits to cemeteries, both British and German, and the place where soldiers were shot at dawn for a number of military offences. Perhaps the most interesting and hard-hitting aspect of the day was when the students were given the name of a soldier from Astley Bridge, who lived less than a mile away from where Sharples School now stands, who died during a battle in

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1916. This helped the boys to see how fighting was undertaken by young men from areas like their own and how the First World War would have brought heartache to people hundreds of miles away from the Front Line.

The day ended with the very moving service at the world-famous Menin Gate. The gate, located in the town of Ypres, is a memorial to over 50,000 soldiers from Britain and the Commonwealth nations who died in the fighting around Ypres but have no known grave. The Last Post, a staple of remembrance events, was played to bring about the observance of one minute of silence. Despite the event being hosted every day since 1927 (except for the time when Belgium was occupied in the Second World War), a huge crowd gathered to pay their respects.

Saturday brought a change of country as the tour group moved towards France and sites associated with the First World War's bloodiest of battles: The Somme. The students visited more cemeteries and memorials and shifted their focus to war poets such as Robert Graves, Noel Hodgson and Siegfried Sassoon. They visited battlefields and saw how the destruction that man inflicted on the land has still not disappeared over a century later. They stood on the field where hundreds of men from Manchester and the surrounding area were cut down in one mission. Shortly after, they stood at the top of the hill and viewed the field from the same position as the enemy machine guns laid waste to so many young lives. This was one of the most haunting experiences of this tour and hammered home the destructive power of conflict.

Saturday ended with a visit to Thiepval Memorial; a grand structure that commemorates over 70,000 soldiers from Britain and South Africa who died in the conflict and have no known grave. Two sites, Thiepval and Menin Gate, are the only place over 120,000 young men are recognised. They have no graves as their bodies were never identified. The scale of the Thiepval Memorial, as well as the beauty of its surroundings, is perhaps the only positive thing to be said about such a tragic and poignant site.

The final day, and the prospect of travelling back to Bolton before they went to bed again, was a day of mixed emotions for the two students. The emotional rollercoaster of this tour was coming to an end but there was the chance to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime experience before they left France.





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4th November 1918 saw the death of Wilfred Owen in a small village called Ors. The tour visited the cellar where Owen, along with 12 other officers, spent the final days of his life. This was followed by a visit to the canal-side location where Owen tragically fell 100 years to the day that the students stood there. Glen, the expert tour guide, painted a vivid picture of the final moments of Owen's last moments with the help of a serving member of the Armed Forces. This was a particular highlight for the boys.

Those two experiences would have been enough for a great experience but this trip was something much more. The tour then made its way to a church service, hosted by the village of Ors, where people paid tribute to Owen and the other men who died in fighting just a week before the end of the First World War. The minister leading the service invited a representative of Manchester's young people to say a few words. After some confused glances between the staff and students of 14 schools, as well as the tour leaders, it was clear nobody knew this was going to happen! Thankfully, Leighton Brown and Mr Hesford stepped up and spoke to the congregation. Mr Hesford, in a speech off the top of his head, thanked the people of Ors for their tributes to Owen and other Manchester soldiers. He then talked about the importance of Anglo-French unity over the next 100 years to ensure the brave men buried in some corner of a foreign field are never forgotten. After this moving service, the group were taken to Owen's final resting place in order to pay their tributes. With that, the trip ended and the slow process of returning home started.

From this trip, a legacy project needs to be established. The students, along with Mr Hesford, came up with an ambitious project: The Next 100 Years. This project is committing the students, staff, governors and Sharples community to participating in remembrance activities regularly between now and the 200th anniversary of the end of the First World War in 2118. A record will be kept and a number of exciting events are already being prepared. This ensures that the humbling memories and powerful stories experienced by two students and their teacher will be kept alive for generations to come.

Universities Insight Day

The University of Bolton is holding a Universities Insight Day this Saturday on the 10th November. The event will run from 11:00 - 15:00 and will include free entry for all pupils, parents and carers. It will be a brilliant way for pupils to meet people from a variety of universities and gain information on all courses and entry requirements. They will also gain information on the application and interview process, as well as learn about the multitude of opportunities available to them once they are at university. As universities take GCSE grades and A Level choices into consideration, it will be a fantastic opportunity for all Year 11 pupils.

[Click this article for more details.](#)

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How2Become

This week, Sharples School have received £300 worth of free books from Ryan Pinder and the team at How2Become.com. It is the UK's leading careers and educational information and development website, helping pupils to secure their dream job, for over thirteen years. Offering books on a variety of careers including Criminal Justice, Fire Service, Flying, Medical and Game Designing, there is information on all careers targeted to all pupils. As well as specific career related resources, we have also received books on how to write CVs, complete application forms and pass telephone interviews ensuring that not only our pupils are able to confidently secure and choose their post-16 options and plan their future careers, they are also equipped with the skills needed to ensure they will be successful at each stage of their application.

A huge thank you to the team as their complementary career books will be hugely beneficial for all year groups. Visit the website at how2become.com to find out more.

The monster under my bed...

After the gothic-themed poetry workshop, the Good 2 Great Year 7 students were encouraged to write their own poems. Here is a fantastic poem written by Raeesa Mank in 7P:

The monster under my bed...

By Raeesa Mank

*A glittering, emerald eye shimmers from under my bed,
I quickly pull the duvet over my head,
I reluctantly peep out from under,
But then get startled by the loud noise, thunder?*

*I carefully pull my head out,
Then see long, blade-like claws, so I shout,
"Mummy, Daddy! Mummy, Daddy!
Please look under my bed, there is a baddy!"*

*Daddy slowly looks under the bed,
Then in a surprised voice he said,
"Don't worry kiddo, there is no baddy!
It's just the neighbours missing tabby!"*





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Year 10 Maths Club Event at Manchester Metropolitan University

This week, Miss Perkins took 10 of our Year 10 pupils to MMU for their Maths Club Event. The pupils spent the day focusing on key curriculum 'problem' areas and had the opportunity to explore difficult topics in a new and interesting way. Taking part in the challenge-based, practical and interactive events during the day, the pupils left feeling confident, motivated and prepared for their GCSE assessments.



Attendance

5th November -
9th November

Best Year Group

Year 7	97.1%
Year 8	95.3%
Year 9	95.0%
Year 10	96.1%
Year 11	95.7%

Best Forms:

7S1	100%
8S	99.6%
9S1	99.0%
10S&P	99.3%
11H&A	100%

542 pupils have
100% for current
academic year

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 14th
November -
Presentation
Evening (6:00pm –
8:00pm)

W/C Monday 19th
November - Year 10
Speaking Tests

Wednesday 21st
November -
Shakespeare
Schools Festival

Sports Fixtures

Monday:

KS3 swimming club
Fitness suite
Table Tennis v Thornleigh (a)
Rugby practise

Tuesday:

Year 7 & 8 football training
Girls netball practise - all years
BTEC catch up session

Wednesday:

KS3 Swimming club
Basketball - boys and girls
Girl's football & Year 9 football

Thursday:

Running club
Year 7 boys football fixture v St
Catherine's (a)
Table Tennis

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Sausage £1.35 Enchiladas £1.55 Pasta King £1.85 Curry Pots £1.85 Various Baguettes and wraps £1.75	Meat Pie £1.55 Cheese pie £1.35 Pav Bhaji £1.55 Pasta King £1.85 Various Baguettes and wraps £1.75	Salsa Potato Skins £1.55 Mac Cheese £1.10 Chow Mein £1.55 Pasta King £1.85 Curry Pots £1.85 Various Baguettes and wraps £1.75	Pizza £1.35 Chick pea lentil Dahl £1.55 Pasta King £1.85 Various Baguettes and wraps £1.75	Fish fillet £1.55 Cheese and onion pasty £1.10 Pasta King £1.85 Various Baguettes and wraps £1.75
Meal Deals £2.35	<u>Sweet Potato Enchiladas</u> Served With Herby Diced Potatoes Side Salad Small Grapes or Biscuit And Drink Carton	<u>Pav Bhaji</u> Served with Yoghurt and Mint Dip Side Salad Small Grapes or Biscuit And Drink Carton	<u>Salsa Potato skins</u> Served with Side Salad Small Grapes or Biscuit And Drink Carton	<u>Chickpea lentil dahl</u> Served with Tortilla Chips Veg Samosa Side Salad Small Grapes or Biscuit And Drink Carton	<u>Cheese and onion Pasty</u> Served with Small chips and beans Small Grapes or Biscuit And Drink Carton
And there's more	Salad bar £1.85 Various Sandwiches and Wraps from £1.27 Jackets with Various filling 80p	Salad bar £1.85 Various Sandwiches and Wraps from £1.27 Jackets with Various filling 80p	Salad bar £1.85 Various Sandwiches and Wraps from £1.27 Jackets with Various filling 80p	Salad bar £1.85 Various Sandwiches and Wraps from £1.27 Jackets with Various filling 80p	Salad bar £1.85 Various Sandwiches and Wraps from £1.27 Jackets with Various filling 80p
Desserts	Fruit Pots £1.10 Grapes lrg 70p sm 55p Popcorn 60p Crackers 75p Tray bake 61p Biscuit 41p	Fruit Pots £1.10 Grapes lrg 70p sm 55p Popcorn 60p Crackers 75p Tray bake 61p Biscuit 41p	Fruit Pots £1.10 Grapes lrg 70p sm 55p Popcorn 60p Crackers 75p Tray bake 61p Biscuit 41p	Fruit Pots £1.10 Grapes lrg 70p sm 55p Popcorn 60p Crackers 75p Tray bake 61p Biscuit 41p	Fruit Pots £1.10 Grapes lrg 70p sm 55p Popcorn 60p Crackers 75p Tray bake 61p Biscuit 41p



- MAIN DISHES**
- CHEESE AND ONION PASTRY - £1.10
 - CHEESE AND LEEK TURNOVER - £1.35
 - MEAT AND POTATO PIE - £1.55
 - PIZZA - £1.35
 - DAHL - £1.55
 - MEAT PIE - £1.55
 - POTATO SKINS - £1.55
 - FISH - £1.55
 - CHICKEN/FISH WRAP £1.75
 - SAUSAGE - £1.35
 - VEG/BEEF BURGER - £1.55
 - LASAGNE - £1.55
 - CHICKEN CURRY - £1.55
 - ENCHILADAS - £1.55
 - MEATBALLS - £1.55
 - PASTA BAKE - £1.35
 - BIRYANI - £1.55
 - MAC CHEESE - £1.10
 - VEG MOUSSAKA - £1.55
 - CHEESE FLAN - £1.35

- FRUIT AND TRAY BAKES**
- LARGE GRAPES – 70p
 - SMALL GRAPES – 55p
 - GRANOLA POT – 80p
 - WHOLE FRUIT – 40p
 - FRUIT POT – £1.10
 - STRAWBERRIES - £1.00
 - TRAY BAKE – 61p
 - BISCUIT – 41p
 - HOT PUDDING – 61p
 - YOGHURTS – 50p
 - CRACKERS- 75p
 - SOREEN – 61p
 - POPCORN – 60p
 - JELLY – 61p

- SIDE DISHES**
- JACKET POTATO – 80p
 - POTATO SIDE – 80p
 - VEGATABLES – 30p
 - SIDE SALAD – 40p
 - CHEESE PORTION – 55p
 - BEANS – 42p
 - SOUP – 60p
 - BREAD PORTION – 40p
 - CHIPS - £1.07

- BREAKFAST AND MORNING BREAK (ONLY)**
- SAUSAGE BARM - £1.35
 - OMELETTE BACON - £1.25
 - BREAKFAST WRAP - £1.20
 - BACON BARM - £1.10
 - TEACAKE – 41p
 - PANNINI – 72p
 - TOAST – 32p
 - PANCAKE – 45p
 - CHEESE TOAST – 65p
 - POTATO CAKE – 41p
 - CRUMPET – 41p
 - CEREAL – 80p

- GRAB AND GO ITEMS**
- CURRY POTS - £1.8
 - PASTA KING - £1.85
 - PASTA POTS - £1.35
 - PANINI - £1.75
 - SALAD - £1.58
 - BAGUETTES - £1.75
 - WRAPS - £1.75
 - SANDWICHES - £1.27
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- DRINKS**
- CUPLET – 32p
 - AQUA JUICE – 42p
 - MILK CARTON – 45p
 - MILKSHAKE – 60p
 - SMALL WATER – 50p
 - PURE JUICE – 65p
 - AQUA SPLASH – 65p
 - OMJ – 70p
 - HOT DRINKS – 80p

MEAL DEALS

AVAILABLE DAILY £2.35 INCLUDING DRINK AND BISCUIT OR SMALL GRAPES

