

Belgian Battlefields

Over the weekend of 7th to 9th, me and 50 other Woodford students had an amazing opportunity to be taken on an international trip to Belgium. This trip has been one of my highlights of my time at Woodford as those three days had countless memories made that will stay with me for a very long time. The trip - educationally - was very eye opening, forcing me to realize the statistics and perspectives the conflict of war comes with. From finding the grave of the youngest member of the British Forces, a mere 15-year-old, to walking through the largest cemetery of WW1 at Tyne Cot, my respect and condolences for those people have increased ten- fold.

My favourite times were honestly the nights at the hotel - everyone eating dinner as a big family, playing card games and tournaments, and even Mr Jenkins and Mr Williamson smashing us at table-tennis. Sharing rooms with all of our friends like it was one big, massive sleepover honestly is an experience that I wish I could go back to. The sunset at Ypres Townsquare had all of us wonderstruck and the rumour about Belgium chocolate to die for are all very very true.

The teachers on the trip were absolutely amazing - we all loved Mr Jenkins and Ms Heeks being our own personal tour guides. Walking through the trenches at Hill 62 and pretending to be soldiers under attack was something I would have never expected from the History Dept.

Especially with this stressful lead up to our GCSEs, this weekend getaway was something we all needed and if you do GCSE History, I definitely recommend signing up for this trip.

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