



Belgium



The Belgium trip of 2023 was an exciting opportunity for GCSE history students to comprehend all of the knowledge and statistics they had learnt in class and apply that knowledge first-hand.

At the Canadian National Vimy memorial in France

They visited the Lochnager Crater in France, ranging from around a mile deep and a mile wide! Going to the different memorials to do with the Somme was especially daunting, as it is renowned as the deadliest war in WW2; the number of graves from both sides of the war was extremely daunting. However, it was also extremely touching and gave us the opportunity to participate in the remembrance of all the soldiers who fell for their side.

On a lighter note, they were also able to spend an hour in central Ypres to buy plenty of Belgian chocolate and waffles- shouts of "this is delicious!" could be heard all around.

Visiting Belgium and seeing the vast number of memorials – for both the Allied soldiers and the Commonwealth – alongside visiting the trenches (and almost slipping in the amount of mud there was) allowed them to gain a deeper understanding of the facts and figures they had learnt in class and place them into perspective.

The Pool Of Peace created by a mine

Ypres Cloth Hall



GCSE students with Ms Keith in a war bunker

Tyne Cot

