

Dear Parents

November 2024

### **YEAR 8 Visit to the Fort Nelson Museum**

The History Department is planning a visit to the Fort Nelson Museum near Portsmouth to help our students develop their understanding of soldiers' experiences during World War One, and providing opportunities to see and handle original British and German artefacts and weapons from World War 1. Students will discover the real life story of George Weston who lived and trained at the Fort before leaving for the trenches and find out what life was really like for the ordinary man on the Front and the grim realities of healthcare if you were injured. Year 8 are studying this as part of the Key Stage 3 History curriculum.

**Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Venue: Fort Nelson Museum**

**Meeting time and place: 9.00am at the front of school**

**Transport: Coach**

**Collection: Wyvern College approx. 3.15pm**

Students will not be required to wear school uniform. They will, however, need to come prepared for the weather by wearing warm clothes and bringing a waterproof coat. Appropriate, comfortable footwear is necessary as they will be doing quite a bit of walking. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and might want to bring a small amount of spending money for souvenirs.

Please make payment and complete the consent form on ParentMail by 3pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024. After this date applications will automatically close.

We request that parents who are able to do so make a voluntary contribution of **£19.00** towards the costs incurred by the college in running this trip/activity. Payment can be made on ParentMail. Please be aware that if voluntary contributions received are not enough to fund the trip then it may not be possible for it go ahead. However, if sufficient contributions are received then all (relevant group of pupils) will be entitled to take part (behaviour permitting), whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The college reserve the right to withdraw a student from this event if behaviour in college, or on previous activities, has not been satisfactory. In line with college policy, funding is available for Pupil Premium students to receive up to a 50% reduction in the cost of curriculum and extra-curricular day activities.

Places on the trip are limited, should the number of students exceed the number of places, names will be drawn out of a hat and those not chosen will be placed on a reserve list.

Yours sincerely

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