

RJH/tp

3 March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: History trip to the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson - Wednesday 25 May 2022

We will be offering the opportunity for Year 8 students to enrich their experience of the History Key Stage 3 curriculum through a visit to the Royal Armoury Museum at Fort Nelson in Portsmouth. Students will have the opportunity to explore Fort Nelson which is one of the best surviving examples of a Victorian fortress. They will develop their understanding of the role Fort Nelson played in defending the coast and will have the opportunity to explore the site including the underground tunnels.

Students will take part in a WW1 study day which begins with two handling sessions that introduce students to British and German soldiers' experiences of war. They will have the opportunity to handle both British and the much rarer German kit plus some of the destructive weapons that both sides had to face. Students will then investigate a reconstructed barrack room based on letters written by a soldier who completed his training at Fort Nelson. Students will use iPods to record evidence of his experiences and use this to create a short film on the subject which we will watch at the end of the day.

There are 60 places available on this trip. The cost of the trip is £20. This includes transport to Fort Nelson and the WW1 study day run by Fort Nelson experts. We will be travelling by coach. Students will attend tutor as normal on the day and meet at the front of school at 9.00am ready for a prompt departure. We will arrive back at 3.00pm, depending on traffic, but will ask students to contact you should we be held up.

Students should wear full school uniform and will require a packed lunch and a water bottle, which they will be able to eat in a lunch room or on picnic benches around the site. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them.

There will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop during the day should students wish to buy any gifts or souvenirs, but we suggest a maximum spending allowance of £10. Students will be responsible for any money or valuables that they bring with them on the day.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your son/daughter to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your son or daughter, we may be able to offer assistance regarding the cost of this trip. If this is the case, your Parentpay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through Parentpay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent forms accompanied by a payment of £20 by Friday 1 April 2022.

In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated you will be informed and any monies received will be returned.

Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team therefore reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Hobbs
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