

October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Y9 History Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard – Thursday 15th November 2018

The Autumn term is a busy time in Year 9 History lessons. Pupils will soon embark on the study of the development of Britain between 1750 and 1900. As well as looking at changes to industry and living and working conditions, one aspect of the course focuses on the evolution of sea-power and the role of the Royal Navy in expanding British influence.

The History Department has therefore organised its annual Year 9 visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard for Thursday 15th November 2018. The day promises to be an exciting one, with two warships to explore. HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship, shows fighting sailing ships at their finest. HMS Warrior will show how iron and steel changed naval warfare forever. There will also be a visit to Action Stations, which brings the modern Royal Navy directly to visitors, with an exciting mixture of physical challenges, simulators and technological experiments.

The coaches will leave school (Green Road) at 8.45am and will return at 5.30pm. Pupils must wear school uniform and they also need to bring a packed lunch with them.

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement to your son making the visit and to ask for a voluntary contribution of £28.50 for the trip so that we can cover the costs incurred. No pupil will be prevented from taking part in the visit on the grounds that parents cannot or will not make such a contribution, but if insufficient funding is available, the visit may be cancelled. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence and I will see if there is any funding available to assist you. Please note that where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to the trip provider, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip.

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay, look up the "Y9 Portsmouth History trip" and pay the full amount of £28.50 by Thursday 1st November. If your son fails to take part in the trip, the fee may be retained by the School. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

As you are aware, you and your son have completed and signed the 'RGS Lifetime Behaviour and Medical Consent form' for RGS day trips. However, please understand that it is a parental responsibility to inform Matron matron@rgshw.com of any changes to the medical condition of your son, and any changes to emergency contact numbers should be sent to Mrs Gamester pg@rgshw.com; these requests apply to your son at any time during his school career. Contact detail changes can also be made using the SIMS Parent App.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (fmh@rgshw.com).

Yours sincerely

Mr F M Hammons

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