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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 9 History Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards

The History Department is delighted to announce an exciting trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards on **Wednesday 23 November 2022**. This will help support our module on the development of Britain between 1750 and 1900. As well as looking at industrial change and debates surrounding the British Empire, one aspect of the module focuses on the evolution of sea-power and the role of the Royal Navy in expanding British influence.

The trip promises to be highly enriching, with three warships to explore. The Mary Rose provides a unique insight into Tudor sea power. HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship, shows fighting sailing ships at their finest. HMS Warrior will show how iron and steel changed naval warfare forever.

The coaches will leave school (Green Road) at 8.50am 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 £37.50 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.

We would not like any student to be prevented from going on a trip for purely financial reasons. If your son qualifies for Pupil Premium and you would like to request support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head (gds@rgshw.com). If you otherwise feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please contact Mr Clatworthy, Director of Co-Curricular Education (dec@rgshw.com) or Mrs Chick, Headmaster's PA (dmc@rgshw.com) **in strictest confidence** and they will see if there is any funding available to assist you. Please note, where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to travel or event providers, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip.

If you wish your son to go on the trip, please log onto Parent Pay, look up the "Y9 Portsmouth History Trip" and pay the full amount of **£37.50 by Wednesday 8th November**. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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