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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The History Department is pleased to announce a World War Two 'D-Day' trip to Normandy, France in the summer of 2020. We will be leaving the UK early on **Thursday 16th July 2020** and returning on the evening of **Sunday 19 July 2020**. This trip will be a fantastic opportunity to learn about the Allied assault against Nazi-occupied Europe.

The itinerary is exciting. The first day will start with the Portsmouth-Caen ferry to bring us into the D-Day invasion zone. We will then examine the assault on Pegasus Bridge and the role played by advanced airborne units. The second day will focus on the British contribution to the invasion and will involve a 'war walk' from Gold Beach, moving inland. We will also visit Arromanches-les-Bains to see the remains of the Mulberry harbour, as well as the medieval town of Bayeux and its famous tapestry. The third day will be focused on the American army. We will visit Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and the American Airborne Museum at Sainte-Mère-Église. The final day will examine the inland fighting in the bocage countryside and we learn about one battle which took place around the small village of Lingèvres.

The whole trip will be guided by the RGSHW History Department and we hope it will offer an in-depth and unique insight into the D-Day fighting. It is highly recommended for those with a genuine interest in military history or those considering History at A-Level or university.

**The cost of the trip will be £506.** This covers all transport, accommodation, entrance fees, and food on a full board basis. In the first instance, we will require a deposit of £250. The remainder of the balance will then have to be paid by 1 March 2020.

The trip is open to **Years 9 to 13**. If you wish your son to take part in the trip, can you please log on to ParentPay, look up '**D-Day History Trip 2020**' and pay the **deposit of £250**. Places, unfortunately, are limited to 35 students. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, we will allocate names 'out of the hat'.

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. We may also be able to arrange an alternative payment plan. Please note, as 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 once his place is confirmed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the visit.

Yours sincerely

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