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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 History Trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards

The History Department is delighted to announce the exciting annual trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards on **Wednesday 26 November 2025**. This supports 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. We are very pleased that despite significantly rising costs, we have managed to keep the contribution the same for the last three years.

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 Grant Sheehan (gds@rgshw.com) in strictest confidence and he will see if there is any funding available to assist you.

Please log onto Parent Pay, look up the "Y9 Portsmouth History Trip" and pay the full amount of **£37.50 by Friday 15th November**. If your child fails to go on the trip, the fee may be retained by the school to cover the costs incurred. 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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