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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Medieval History Experience

The History Department is delighted to finally confirm our exciting annual Medieval History Experience at RGS on **Friday 3rd July 2026**. This event is now in its 12th year and aims to extend the students' understanding and passion for the medieval age in a unique, interactive way. The material covered will also help prepare students for the start of Year 8 History and their first topic on Richard III.

To help us make the day special, Dr. Emily Baines of medieval music group Blondel will be running workshops on Medieval Music and Instruments along with her partner. A further highlight will be Armour & Medieval Medicine workshops provided once again by the excellent Happening History team. In addition, the History Department will be running various activities including a Battle of Hastings Re-enactment and Medieval Archery workshops.

The Medieval History Experience will occur within the hours of the normal school day. The boys will need to come to school in their PE kit. They will also need their rugby gum shields and a packed lunch (although canteen access will be available as usual at Lunch 1 and 2).

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement to your child attending the event and to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£12** so that we can cover the costs incurred. We have managed to keep the contribution the same as the last three years despite significant rising costs year-on-year. We would not like any student to be prevented from going on a trip for purely financial reasons. If your child 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 be assured that the school operates a Financial Assistance Programme and dedicated funding may be available to assist you. Please contact Mr Sheehan in strictest confidence to discuss this support.

Please log onto Parent Pay, look up the 'Y7 Medieval History Experience' and pay the full amount of **£12** by **Friday 20th June 2026**. If your child fails to attend the event, 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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