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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 7 Medieval History Experience

The History Department is delighted to announce an exciting Medieval History Experience at RGS on **Monday 4th July 2022**. The aim will be to extend the students' understanding and passion for the medieval age in a unique, interactive way. The material covered will also help prepare the boys for the start of Year 8 History and their first topic on Richard III.

To help us make the day special, a team of historical re-enactors from Happening History will be running workshops on armour and weapons from the 11th to the 15th centuries. Students will discover how weapons such as the long sword or pole axe might have been used. They will also learn about some of the horrors of medieval surgery from amputations to bloodletting and arrow extraction. A further highlight will be a falconry display, with information about the birds and the history behind the art of falconry. After each of the shows, some students will be able to hold the birds and all will be able to ask questions. In addition, the History Department will be running various activities including a Battle of Hastings Re-enactment.

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.

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 **£8** for the event so that we can cover the costs incurred. No pupil will be prevented from taking part in the event on the grounds that parents cannot or will not make such a contribution, but if insufficient funding is available, the event 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. All students in receipt of Pupil Premium will be funded for this event.

Please log onto Parent Pay, look up the 'Y7 Medieval History Experience' and pay the full amount of **£8** by **Monday 13 June 2022**. If your son 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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