

Dear Parent

September 2026

YEAR 8 Visit to the Fort Nelson Museum

The History Department is planning a visit to the Fort Nelson Museum near Portsmouth to help our students develop their understanding of soldiers' experiences during World War One, and providing opportunities to see and handle original British and German artefacts and weapons from World War 1. Students will discover the real life story of George Weston who lived and trained at the Fort before leaving for the trenches and find out what life was really like for the ordinary man on the Front and the grim realities of healthcare if you were injured. Year 8 are studying this as part of the Key Stage 3 History curriculum.

Date: Friday 29th January 2027

Venue: Fort Nelson Museum

Meeting time and place: 8.30am at the front of school

Transport: Coach

Collection: Wyvern College approx. 3.15pm

Students will not be required to wear school uniform. **They will, however, need to come prepared for the weather by wearing warm clothes and bringing a waterproof coat** – this is essential as it can be very cold. Appropriate, comfortable footwear is necessary as they will be doing quite a bit of walking. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and might want to bring a small amount of spending money for souvenirs.

We request that parents who are able to do so make a voluntary contribution of **£16.00** towards the costs incurred by the college in running this trip/activity. This should be paid via ParentMail, and includes parental permission, no later than **9.00am, Monday 2nd November 2026**.

Those students that are eligible for Ever 6 Pupil Premium funding will receive a 50% reduction in the cost of this trip.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, at that point all applications will be numbered, and numbers will be drawn from a hat. Should your child be unsuccessful, payment will be returned. If a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the trip, including through illness, the parent/guardian will be liable for any charges the college incurs should a replacement not be found.

Selection will also include consideration of a student's behaviour and attendance. For example, students who are repeatedly truanting from lessons or failing to follow instructions in college, may not be deemed suitable for inclusion on certain visits or trips. As outlined in the visits and trips guidelines issued in September 2023.

Please be aware that if voluntary contributions received are not enough to fund the trip then it may not be possible for it to go ahead. However, if sufficient contributions are received then all (relevant group of pupils) will be entitled to take part (behaviour permitting), whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

Yours sincerely
Miss Read and Mrs Dowd
History Teachers

