

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 History trip to Ironbridge, Shropshire - Wednesday 10th June - Friday 12th June 2026

We are pleased to inform you that some spaces have become available for the upcoming school trip, and we are excited to reopen registration for those who may have missed out initially. Please see below for details of the trip and how to register your interest.

The History Department will be offering the opportunity for Year 8 History students to enrich their experience of the History curriculum and understanding of the impact of the Industrial Revolution through a field trip to Ironbridge, Shropshire. Students will be studying this in the Spring Term.

Ironbridge offers a fantastic opportunity to travel back in time to the days of the Victorians at the Blists Hill Open Air Museum where the sights and sounds, shops and houses of the 19th century have been faithfully recreated and where you can take part in some of the activities and still spend pounds, shillings and pence. No trip to Ironbridge is complete without viewing the iconic bridge over the Severn, the wonder of its day, whilst also viewing the remains of the furnaces and the elegant houses of the ironmasters. The students will also make a stop at Cadbury World on the final day where they will learn about Cadbury history and of course, have the chance to sample some chocolate.

The cost of the trip is £320. This includes transport, accommodation at YHA Coalport, all meals and entrance fees. The payment schedule for these newly available spaces is as follows:

Deposit of £80 by Tuesday 30th September. Instalment of £80 by Friday 31st October. Instalment of £80 by Friday 28th November. Instalment of £80 by Friday 30th January.

Please note that should your child withdraw from this trip; the tour operator states that the following cancellation charges will apply:

- 70 days or more before you travel ----- All deposits due
- 22-69 days before you travel -75% of total cost
- 0-21 days before you travel 100% of total cost

This updated payment plan is for parents/carers signing their child up during this window, taking into account deposits that have already been paid.

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If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and register your interest by **Wednesday 24**th **September**. Shortly after the closing date, we shall be in touch to confirm whether your child has secured a place on this trip and to provide further information. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium (or has been entitled to Free School Meals in the last 6 years), financial support may be available. In the first instance, please contact our Finance department by email on finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk.

We always take the responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students very seriously. When students are involved in an activity off-site this can mean that there is the potential for an increased risk. Therefore, before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks. This includes arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect the students involved in the activity to fully cooperate with the arrangements made and to closely follow the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any student where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Hobbs
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