



June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Expression of Interest – Year 11 History trip to the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson

We will be offering the opportunity for our current Y10 students to enrich their experience of the History GCSE curriculum through a visit to the Royal Armoury Museum at Fort Nelson in Portsmouth on **Thursday 15th October 2026**. Students will have the opportunity to explore Fort Nelson which is one of the best surviving examples of a Victorian fortress. They will develop their understanding of the role Fort Nelson played in defending the coast and will have the opportunity to explore the site including the underground tunnels.

Students will take part in a WW1 study day which will include an immersive recruitment session, led by a recruitment Sergeant, during which students will discover how men were persuaded to join the army. They will also examine British and German equipment including shells, machine guns and grenades. They will find out about the horrors of the trenches through the injuries and illnesses that soldiers would have faced, and then discover the medical advancements being made during the First World War and how these were used in the chain of evacuation. This part of the day is linked closely to the Medicine in Britain site study, ***The British sector on the Western Front, 1914 – 1918: Injuries, treatment and the trenches***, and will support students to consolidate their understanding of this part of the GCSE course.

There are **48** places available for the trip and the cost of the trip is **£19**. This includes transport to Fort Nelson and the WW1 study day run by Fort Nelson experts. We will be travelling by coach. Students will register with their tutor as normal on the day and meet at the front of school at **8:50am** ready for a prompt departure. In the first instance, if your child is successful in gaining a place on this trip, we would be asking for full payment by **Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 4pm**.

Students should bring a packed lunch with them. Students will not be required to wear school uniform. There may be an opportunity to visit the gift shop during the day should students wish to buy any gifts or souvenirs, but we suggest a maximum spending allowance of £10. Students will be responsible for any money or valuables that they bring with them on the day.

Before we ask for payment, we would like to gauge how many students would like to go. If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details to provide consent. The deadline for providing consent is **Friday 26th June 2026 at 4pm**. **By providing consent, you are agreeing to either pay the full payment as mentioned above**. Once payment has been made, if you withdraw your child, we will not be able to process a refund until a replacement has been found.

We do reserve the right to not proceed with the trip if numbers are too low. If this trip is oversubscribed, we will determine the places by a fair ballot. **Confirming your child's place through Arbor does not guarantee that**



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they have a space on the trip. We will confirm after the closing date if your child has been successful in obtaining a place and will then request payment. The deadline for making payment will be **Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 4pm.**

We always take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

Yours sincerely

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