

September 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian

**Kip on a Ship History trip, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The History department are delighted to be able to offer our year 10 History students the opportunity to participate in our Kip on a Ship trip from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. *Although the visit is not essential to the GCSE History course* it will support your son / daughter with developing a deeper understanding of topics covered in the Crime and Punishment, Elizabethan and Germany units covered in years 9 -11.

In addition to the subject based relevance of this enrichment activity, the following non cognitive skills will also be developed:

**Working with others:** Students will partake in education sessions at each of the venues visited and will be expected to join in with a range of relevant activities.

**Independent Learning Skills:** Students will be given the opportunity to explore HMS Belfast and the Imperial War Museum where they will be exploring a wide range of historical topics.

**Deeper Learning:** Students will meet with an expert on the Holocaust at the Imperial War Museum and take part in a tour of the award winning Holocaust exhibit which will deepen their understanding of this topic.

The trip will leave on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00am, returning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at approximately 7.00pm. The total cost of this trip will be £175.00, which includes:

- Executive coach travel
- Overnight stay on-board HMS Belfast with breakfast
- Entrance to museums and education sessions
- 2 course dinner & drink at Pizza Express
- A packed lunch for the second day of the trip

**Not included:**

- Packed lunch on the outgoing journey
- Pocket money

**The detailed itinerary will include:**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:

- Coach travel to London
- Visit to The Tower of London and an education session covering Early Elizabethan England
- 2 course dinner & drink at Pizza Express
- A Jack the Ripper walking tour of London led by an experienced guide
- Overnight stay on-board HMS Belfast with breakfast

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October:

- Breakfast onboard HMS Belfast

- Visit to The Golden Hind, a replica Elizabethan warship and an education session on The Spanish Armada
- Visit to the Imperial War Museum & an education session at the Holocaust exhibition
- Coach travel to Kings of Wessex Academy

If you would like your child to attend we ask that you **return the permission slip to the Main office by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. We will inform students who have been successful in obtaining a place on the trip on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and we will then request a deposit of £75 to be paid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September to the main office. Once we have confirmation of numbers we will invite you to a Parents Information Evening.

The final £100 will then be due on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Cheques should be made payable to The Kings of Wessex Academy, or alternatively, you can now pay online by logging onto the Academy website. Simply click onto the parents' link and select 'Internet Payments' from the menu. Payments will only be accepted when the parental consent form (below) and the attached medical form are also returned. If the trip is oversubscribed we will allocate places using 'names out of the hat' policy.

As with all Academy trips students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. Failure to do this could result in students losing both their place and any payments made to date. Poor absence in the run up to an enrichment activity may result in the place being withdrawn and loss of all payments to date. This decision would be made at the discretion of the Academy. Absence following a school activity (for example: tiredness due to a late return, or sore feet following an extensive day walking) cannot be authorised unless medical certification is provided. Without this evidence, students jeopardise their right to attend further Academy enrichment activities.

With all our enrichment activities we endeavour to keep to times stated in the original letter. However, unpredictable traffic or delays can result in arrangements having to be altered. As a consequence, all timings are subject to change (for example the length of stop at a service station may be reduced). Updates will be made via our social media pages and also students will be asked to update their parents / guardians via mobile networks.

We aim to keep enrichment costs as accessible to all as possible. Therefore, we book travel that enables us to market activities at the best value for money whilst providing a safe mode of transport. Please be aware that coaches may not all have toilet facilities and some coach companies will not allow hot food to be taken on board. We follow the most recent guidance in relation to keeping young people safe in busy areas and cities which can result in tight timings for entry to venues and students not being allowed to take bags into venues. This information will be shared with students in advance of the activity. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, the date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trip we ask that parents / guardians attend a short briefing prior to departure.

The Academy are extremely committed to providing a rich and diverse enrichment programme to all

young people and thank you for your ongoing support of the enrichment programme. If you would like to attend a trip and the cost presents concerns please speak to Mrs G. Bowden.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Gemma Bowden**  
**Teacher of History**

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM. The Kings of Wessex Academy, Cheddar**

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As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_ I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate. I am aware that

- a) Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- b) I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK
- c) If a medical condition is diagnosed after final payment parents may choose to withdraw their child. Equally if the Academy feel they cannot accommodate the student within the pre-existing arrangement for the trip, the Academy reserve the right to withdraw the student place.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_