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25th September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

The History Department are running a trip to the Imperial War Museum, which will further student understanding of Holocaust and allow them to review content covered in lessons this half-term. This trip would be extremely beneficial to any students considering taking History GCSE. This trip will take place on **Monday 20th March 2023 and will cost £17* (price subject to slight change depending on uptake)**. Students will travel by coach to the Imperial War Museum. The visit will include a tour around the Holocaust galleries of the museum and students will attend a workshop where students will be supported in understanding the key questions of; why do we study the Holocaust? Why and how did the Holocaust happen?

Students will depart from Vandyke Upper School on the above date at **8:45am** and return to school by **5:00pm** (dependent on traffic conditions). **Please be aware that students may not be in time to catch the bus from school and, if so, other arrangements will have to be made for them to travel home.** Students need to be appropriately attired for visiting a museum. Sensible footwear and a waterproof jacket are recommended. The cost of the trip does not include lunch so students will need to bring either a packed lunch or money to purchase food from the café on site.

In order to be considered for the trip, please complete the attached reply slip and return by **Friday 3rd February** to the history office in the downstairs B block next to B5. If the trip is then oversubscribed, students will be selected from a draw with students not successful being placed on a waiting list. Students will then be informed as soon as possible after the draw has taken place and be given the opportunity to pay to secure a place.

Please note that this trip is dependent on sufficient numbers taking up this opportunity. **We reserve the right to refuse students a place** on the trip on the grounds of poor attitude, behaviour or if they present any risky behaviours to themselves or others on the trip.

At this point if there is a known reason why a student may need one to one care at any point on the trip, please make us aware. **The Vandyke Opportunities Fund** is available to support families in financial hardship. If you think you might qualify please contact Mrs Ruston at school using rustonv@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk or call 01525 636700. There are clear criteria that set out when financial support can be provided and Mrs Ruston will be pleased to speak with you in confidence about this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dodkin

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RETURN TO THE HISTORY OFFICE IN THE DOWNSTAIRS B BLOCK

Student's name: **Tutor Group:**.....

I consent to my child taking part in Year 9 Imperial War Museum trip 2023

Signed: **(Parent/Carer) Date:**

Name:

Email Address:

Medical and dietary requirements:

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