

September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

In the Autumn Term all Year 9 pupils study the origins, main events and consequences of the First World War. To reinforce their understanding of the conditions endured by British troops in the trenches of the Western Front we will be taking a party of pupils to the Centre for Experimental Military Archaeology (CEMA) in Kent on the **9th November 2023**. The CEMA was established in 2021 with the intention of physically reconstructing historical sites, to investigate both military tactics and the day-to-day lives of soldiers. The site itself has a rich military history and the WWI reconstruction has been used for numerous films and tv shows. During the trip, pupils will have an opportunity to explore the reconstructed trench, as well as undertake workshops with a military historian about the lives of soldiers on the frontline.

Final timings will be confirmed once places have been allocated, but the rough itinerary is to leave school at 8.15am and return at around 4.30pm.

The number of places available is limited to ninety so you are asked to apply for a place for your son/daughter if you wish for them to go. The cost, including entrance fees, transport, insurance and staffing is £37.00. If there are any financial difficulties, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Dines, in the strictest confidence.

Please do not send in any money until your child has a letter informing them that they have been successful in obtaining a place on the trip. At this stage please just return the Consent Form to Pupil Services by Friday 7th October 2023.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, we will consider each pupils' effort grades (not progress grades). Where effort grades are the same, random ballot will be used. If we are unable to offer your son/daughter a place, their name will be added to a reserve list.

If you have any queries concerning the trip, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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