



17th July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

The History Department would like to take the Year 10 GCSE History group to **The Old Operating Theatre & Florence Nightingale Museum on Tuesday the 18th of November 2025**. The trip is not a compulsory part of the course, but the purpose is to enhance their knowledge of the advancements in 19th century surgery and nursing methods which they will be studying as part of their Medicine Through Time module.

Students will have a unique opportunity to visit an original 19th century operating theatre and receive a lesson on surgery from an expert. The students will also visit the Florence Nightingale Museum where they will have the opportunity to learn about the advancements in nursing and use of statistics to inform care in the 19th century.

On the day of the trip students will need to arrive at school at the usual time for a swift departure at **9.00 am** and we will be returning around **5.45 pm** from where students will need to make arrangements for their onward journey home.

The voluntary contribution that we are asking for is **£38**. This covers the students' transport, entry and activities. We would like the trip to be accessible for all students, regardless of need. No student will be treated differently based on parent / carer willingness or ability to pay. However, the trip may not be able to go ahead unless enough students are able to make the voluntary contribution.

Students should dress in school uniform with comfortable shoes, considering that they will be on their feet for most of the day. Some of the day will be spent outside and therefore they should dress appropriately for the weather on the day. We also ask students not to bring valuables with them; if they do, their belongings remain their responsibility. It is essential that students bring a packed lunch due to the time constraints of the day. Students may wish to bring a small amount of money or a cash card in-case there is enough time to visit the gift shops at either museum. Mobile phones may be in bags but should not be visible during the trip. Students will be supervised at all times.

As always, the highest standards of conduct are expected from the students, as they will be representing the school at all times and sanctions will apply if these expectations are not met. Students are also expected to catch-up on any work missed.

Please can we ask parents / carers to pay any voluntary contribution and also to complete the MS Consent Form through WisePay by Monday 15th September. The trip will then be closed and students will not be able to be added after this time. No student can attend the trip without a completed MS Consent Form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any queries. I will write to you nearer the time to confirm final arrangements for the day.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. D. Simon
History Department