



Date: 9th September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

The History Department would like to invite all Year 12 and 13 History students to visit the Imperial War Museum in London for a lesson about the Holocaust. This visit will include access to a special Holocaust Gallery which is only available if students have booked a Holocaust learning session at the IWM.

The trip is not a compulsory part of the History A-level, but the purpose of this trip is to give students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Holocaust collection by looking at exhibits and hearing first-hand experiences. Students are required to study the Holocaust as part of the Germany course at A-level and may also choose / have chosen to write their coursework on this topic.

The trip will take place on Friday October 17th. Students should meet me promptly at 8.40am at Marlow Train station to catch the 8.58am train to central London. As we are catching public transport, we will not be able to wait for latecomers. Students who are late and miss the train will be expected to attend Friday school as normal. Once in London, we will catch the tube together from Paddington to Lambeth North Tube station and then walk to the museum, aiming to arrive for our session just before 11 am.

The History Department are paying for the students' entry to the gallery/learning talk. We are therefore asking students to purchase their own off-peak train travel (travelcard at approximately £25.20 return, less if students have a railcard) to London. We would like the trip to be accessible for all students, regardless of need, so if you would like your child to go but are struggling financially to cover the cost of the train travel, please email me on: cgriffith@gms.bucks.sch.uk. 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 purchase their own train travel.

We have arranged for students to have lunch in the school lunchroom at the IWM. Unfortunately, the café at the museum is closed for refurbishments from August 26th, and while there is a pop-up café selling teas and coffees, it is not selling much food beyond snacks so students should bring a packed lunch.

Students may wear their own clothes for the trip that are suitable for a museum visit. Sensible shoes are highly recommended as there will be lots of walking, plus clothing for possible bad weather.

Students will be expected to stay with staff members at all times on the train and traveling to and from the museum. They will not be allowed to visit anywhere other than the gallery during this time. **However, if the students have parent / carer permission via the MS Consent Form, they may make their own way home from the IWM from 3 pm.** The remaining students will travel back with staff to Marlow in the afternoon and we aim to return between 4 and 5 pm. Students should then make their own way home from Marlow Train station.

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.

Please can we ask parents / carers to complete the MS Consent Form through WisePay **by Monday 15th September**. No student can attend the trip without a completed MS Consent Form and we will not be adding students to the trip after this deadline.

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 Griffith

History Department