



April 2026

YEAR 9 – IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM AND HOLOCAUST EDUCATION SESSION

Monday 20th April 2026 7.00am – 5.30pm

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are arranging a trip for Year 9 students to visit the Imperial War Museum in London. As part of the trip, students will have time to explore the displays which include exhibitions on World War One, World War Two and Peace and Security 1945 to 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity to support and enhance your child's knowledge of 20th century History and for them to engage with historical artifacts from photographs and letters to a Spitfire and a T34 tank. During the day the students will also engage with museum staff who will run an education session focused on the Holocaust, students will then have an opportunity to visit the Holocaust gallery.

The coaches will be leaving from school promptly at 7.15am, so students will need to arrive and register with staff in the canteen at **7.00am**. Please consider how your child will get to school, as the coaches have to leave Willingdon **before** the school buses arrive.

We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 5.30pm. Students are expected to wear their school PE kit so that they are easily identifiable and so that they have comfortable walking shoes for the museum. A packed lunch will be required. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate this when you make your payment on ParentPay and this can be collected before we depart.

If your child suffers with travel sickness that requires medication not currently held in school, they will need to take the medicine before they travel in the morning and you will need to provide the medication in a named box, to be administered by a member of staff, before we travel back. If medication is required, please indicate this when you make your payment on ParentPay. Students with asthma should carry their inhalers with them.

We have 44 places on the trip. The cost for the whole trip is £40.50, which covers all travel and venue costs. To confirm your child's place on the trip, would you kindly pay via ParentPay. The payment will secure your child's place on the coach and the trip will operate on a first come first served basis. ParentPay will open on Monday, 16th February at approximately 3pm.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Ms Hardwick jhardwick@willingdonschool.org.uk or Mrs Hughes lhughes@willingdonschool.org.uk.

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour /attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

Please ensure all medical information held on Arbor is up to date before the trip date.

Kind regards,

The History department
Willingdon Community School