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Dear Parents,

Year 9 London Museums Trip, 30th June 2010

As you may be aware, **Wednesday 30th June** has been designated a whole school activity day. Following the success of last year's trip to Liverpool, the History department is proposing to take Year 9 to visit the **Imperial War Museum** and **Churchill Museum/Cabinet War Rooms** in central London. Girls are about to embark on a study of the Second World War in lessons and there will be follow-up work based on this visit. The day will also cover aspects of the Citizenship curriculum.

The cost of the trip will be **£18** per pupil, to be paid online using the school's ParentPay system. Consent forms should be handed in to the school office as normal. Payment and return of consent form are due by **Thursday 17th June**. We recognise that this may be an issue for some parents given the expense of the Y9 residential course. Since this is a curriculum-based trip, those eligible for free school meals will have the cost covered by the school, others on low incomes may apply to the Parents' Peace Fund for assistance. Further details are available upon request.

On the morning of the trip girls should register at **7:30am** either in the gym or on the tennis courts (depending on weather). As I am sure you will appreciate, an early departure is necessary in order to allow for traffic and to make the most of our day. We hope to return to school by **7:00pm** and will let you know, via your daughter, if we anticipate earlier arrival or significant delay. Girls should be dropped off at the Hall Road entrance and we recommend that you drive onto the school site when collecting in the evening in order to minimize congestion. We would politely request that parents leave sufficient space for four coaches to pull in and that girls share lifts where possible.

Pupils may bring a little spending money for souvenir shopping, if time allows, and a packed lunch. They will be responsible for their own valuables (mobile phones, cameras etc) and should carry any medication they may need during the day. They should also bring writing equipment and something to lean on, e.g. clipboard. Finally, those who are travel sick should remember to take tablets before departure and we would advise all girls to bring a bottle of water since the weather is likely to be warm.

We hope that the day proves to be both enjoyable and educationally worthwhile.

Yours faithfully,

Miss J.E. Smith
Head of History and Politics