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THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

4 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE History Trip to National Archives and Whitechapel - Tuesday 24 November 2026 & Tuesday 19 January 2027

The History Department is delighted to offer the opportunity for Year 10 GCSE History students to visit London in support of their GCSE studies. Please note however, this is not a compulsory trip and not a requirement of the GCSE.

The trip will run on Tuesday 24 November 2026 and Tuesday 19 January 2027. Students will be allocated **one** of these dates once numbers are finalised.

On the morning of the visit, we will visit the National Archives in Kew, where students will investigate the Jack the Ripper murders using original documents from the time. After lunch, we will visit Whitechapel where students will be given a guided walking tour to support the Historic Environment section of the GCSE course.

Students will need to arrive at school at 7.15am, as we will be leaving promptly at 7.30am in order to reach the National Archives for the first educational session. We aim to arrive back at school at approximately 8.00pm. Please make arrangements to collect your child at this later time.

Students are not required to wear school uniform, but clothing appropriate to the time of year. Students will be outside for most of the afternoon, so may require raincoats and waterproof shoes, depending on the weather. **There will be no opportunity to buy food or drink for lunch** so your child will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, this will be provided for them. Students may bring a small amount of money to buy an evening snack before we leave London.

This trip takes place during school hours; therefore, we are inviting a voluntary contribution of £45.00 per student. Please be aware that contributions are entirely voluntary, and no student will be excluded from the trip or treated differently based on whether a contribution is made. However, please note that if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions to cover the overall costs, the trip will unfortunately be unable to proceed.

To request a place for your child on this trip, please complete our Year 10 History Trip Google Form and make your voluntary payment via Scopay by the end of the day on **Friday 13 November**.

As we are now a Smartphone Free School, students must not bring smartphones on day trips. Students may bring one of the permitted brick phones we allow in school, stored in a school bag, but it must not be seen or heard during the trip. The trip staff will have access to a school trip phone which students can use to contact home in an emergency or if the return journey is significantly delayed.

The school is committed to ensuring all students can participate in enrichment activities. The school uses its Pupil Premium funding to cover the costs of this trip for eligible Pupil Premium students. Families who are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the Pupil Premium Team via pupilpremium@mountbatten.school to discuss possible support in confidence.

Staff accompanying visits carry a significant responsibility for the students in their care. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a concern.

If you have any difficulty paying online, please contact our Finance department at finance@mountbatten.school and they will be able to help you.

Should there be insufficient interest, the trip will not run. If the trip is oversubscribed, the school will apply the oversubscription criteria which can be found in our trip policy on our website.

If you have any queries about this trip, please contact me via info@mountbatten.school.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Brierley
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