



Allenbourn
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have arranged a trip to Nothe Fort in Weymouth (<https://nothefort.org.uk/>) as part of our learning about World War II in English and History this term. Through interactive role play situations on the day, pupils will:

- experience what it was like to be an evacuee billeted with a host;
- understand why rationing was introduced and how restrictive it was;
- learn how different doing the laundry was without a washing machine and compare a kitchen then with our modern spaces;
- experience a wartime classroom using dipping pens and ink to write with and grappling with pounds, shillings and pence;
- have the option of experiencing the feeling of being in an Anderson shelter during an air-raid.

Dates:

Thursday 2nd November – 6Z and Group 1 6F

Friday 3rd November – 6S and Group 2 6F

Tuesday 7th November – 6H and Group 3 6F

Pupils in 6F will be asked to choose a group and will attend on the relevant day.

Timings:

Pupils need to be in school by 8.40am at the very latest. To make the most of the day, we will return to school at the slightly later time of 3.40pm. If there are any delays to our return time, parents/carers will be updated via ParentMail.

Dress:

This is an immersive themed day and Nothe Fort **encourages pupils to dress as evacuees**. Evacuee costumes will be worn all day, and as some of the activities will be outside, we suggest warm clothes are worn along with sensible footwear. In the run up to the trip, we will be asking pupils to make ID cards, name tags and gas masks as part of their home learning.

Lunch:

Pupils will require a packed lunch for the trip. For a more authentic experience, consider packing this in a paper bag and without using cling film or tin foil.





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Cost:

To cover the cost of the trip we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £14 per child, made via ParentMail. The cost includes hire of the coach and instructor-led activities for the day. *We need to collect sufficient contributions in order for the visit to go ahead.*

Please speak to your child's tutor if you have any concerns.

Permission:

Please complete the permission slip and make your contribution on ParentMail no later than Monday 9th October 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Prout

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