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Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers

## Year 8 Stop the Clock Day trip to Bovington Tank Museum, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

As part of the learning development programme at Beaminster School we have a number of days during the school year when the hourly timetable is suspended. These "Stop the Clock" days allow students to study key aspects of the curriculum for an extended period of time and in greater detail. This year the students in Year 8 will be visiting Bovington Tank Museum.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Year 8 will be involved in an exciting day of investigation and practical activities that have strong links to the History and Design and Technology curricula. Whilst at Bovington all students will experience several distinct, lively and relevant activities:

- **Build a tank workshop:** In this hands-on activity students will learn about the men who served in Shermans and assemble the tank from a number of key parts such as the hull, turret, guns, sprockets and suspension.
- **Tommy in the Trenches:** Students will see what life is like for soldiers during World War I.
- A look around the museum and the various exhibits that it has to offer.

We will leave for Bovington **promptly by 9am**, so please ensure that students arrive in school on time and any absences are called in as early as possible. We will return by 3.30pm so students can travel home as normal.

Students should wear **school uniform including their school coat**, and will need to bring a packed lunch and drink (lunch will be provided for students entitled to Free School Meals) as well as any regular medication required. Student mobile phones are not permitted on this trip but may be left in Reception for safekeeping, staff will have phones available.

Students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium will automatically get 50% of the cost of the trip subsidised.

In order for this trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£17** per person. Could I please ask that payment is made through **IRIS ParentMail**, and a payment item will be made available shortly. The **Parental Consent box** must be checked when making payment to confirm that you have read and understood the information provided and give your consent to the trip.

If you wish to apply for financial assistance for this trip please complete a Financial Support Application Form (available from Reception or the school website [Forms, Policies and Key Information \(beaminster.dorset.sch.uk\)](http://Forms, Policies and Key Information (beaminster.dorset.sch.uk))) as soon as possible.

All payments should be made as soon as possible and by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024** at the very latest please.

Should there be any changes to medical details or contact information for your child for the day of this trip please email the school at [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

Students on trips are representatives of our school and act as ambassadors for us. Please be aware that this trip is something to look forward to and a privilege to be part of, and all students participating must continue to have good attendance and behaviour or risk forfeiting their place. Should a student have to be withdrawn for attendance or behaviour issues, any deposit, part or full payment made towards the trip will not be refunded.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me [kpatten@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:kpatten@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

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