



Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 History Students

I write to inform you of a fantastic revision opportunity for your son/daughter.

The History Department has managed to secure the services of a living history group in revising for the Paper 1 medicine in the trenches unit. A group called Frontline Living History is coming in to offer a workshop about this important aspect of the Paper 1 exam. They come highly recommended, and will revise and re-enact parts of the course including:

- Conditions in the trenches and how they impacted upon the health and wellbeing of soldiers, and how they affected the wounds, recovery and treatment of casualties.
- Common trench illnesses including lice infestation, trench foot, PUO.
- Wounding and disease agents, and their relative significance.
- The introduction and effectiveness of personal protective equipment such as shrapnel helmets and gas masks.
- The roles of the different medical staff working on the Western Front.
- The Casualty Evacuation Chain from Battlefield to Blighty.
- The legacy of Great War battlefield medicine – how experimentation, improvisation and innovation developed medical techniques and technologies leading to better care for Great War casualties and for everyone since.

Since this topic is a key part of the specification and will be part of the March mocks, it seems like an ideal opportunity to revise this part of the GCSE course that was taught over a year ago.

In order to minimise disruption to school lessons this session is being put on during half term.

It will take place in the Ritchie Hall and will **start at 11am and finish at 2pm on Saturday, 17 February. Please note that the only entrance open will be at the 6 doors**, as the main entrance will be closed at the weekend. Please do encourage your son/daughter to come and revise. They should bring a notepad and pen, or better still, their yellow revision exercise book. They may also wish to bring something to eat as there will be a short break in the middle.

Yours sincerely

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