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Dear Parent/Guardian

Frontline Living History Educational Workshop

I am writing to share with you exciting news of a visit to OAW by Frontline Living History for all Year 11 Historians. The visit will be on 23rd November, is free for your child and will take place during the school day.

Sessions are led by experienced historical interpreters, David and Richard, who have years of expertise in WW1 battlefield medicine and working in education. Workshops are supported by hundreds of authentic artefacts, hands-on and role play activities and carefully-chosen period images and film; and – most importantly – they are based entirely upon the actual experiences of those who served Britain during the Great War!

An authentically-uniformed Regimental Medical Officer and Royal Army Medical Corps Orderly will lead our young historians through a wide range of important topics 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

The workshop supports the Medicine GCSE history course as students need an intimate knowledge of First World War Medicine for this Paper (Edexcel, GCSE History Paper 1, Option 11), therefore, participation in this visit is an excellent opportunity to experience this.

Yours sincerely

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