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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Re: Year 11 GCSE History Guest Speaker – Friday 19th April 2024

Currently in GCSE History, we are completing our final unit of study, which consists of a thematic analysis of different components of warfare over the past 1000 years. We have completed case studies on battles such as Falkirk, Agincourt and Nasby, as well as Waterloo and the Crimean War. Our final section utilises two further case studies: the Battle of the Somme and the War in Iraq to complete the unit.

We have been able to organise a visit from a veteran of the War in Iraq to come into the school and share his insights with the students studying GCSE History. This is a unique opportunity to hear from a retired member of the armed forces deliver his views and experience of the conflict.

This talk has been arranged for **Friday April 19, 2024**, during Period 5. This will require some students to be removed from their usual Period 5 lesson on that day to attend the presentation. Students will be required to make up any content they missed from the lesson in their own time.

I would usually be reluctant to take students out of their classes at this time of the year, but this is such a unique and special opportunity that I feel not only enhances their learning of our current unit in History, but also will allow them to deepen their understanding of what it means to serve your country in an armed conflict, from someone who has personal experience.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Niven
History Subject Leader