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Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE History Revision Day – Thackray Medical Museum, 13th March 2019

On 13th March, the History Department is offering a fantastic opportunity for students to take part in a full day of active and engaging revision of the healthcare and Britain unit of their GCSE. We have arranged to take advantage of the facilities of Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds for the day, which will give students access to dedicated revision sessions with their teachers and will receive advice and guidance from expert museum staff.

The workshops and activities are designed to provide students with a fresh perspective on the work they have been doing towards their History GCSE:

- 'Pain, Pus and Blood': this surgery workshop will explore the development of surgery throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, enabling students to gain a deeper understanding of how the major issues of pain, infection and blood loss in surgery have been solved
- '1842 Street Tour': during this tour students will reflect on the issues facing British towns and cities in the face of rapid industrialisation, and the public health problems this created. This activity provides students with an opportunity to bring together several vital aspects of the course including ideas about the causes of disease, treatments and public health
- Guided exploration of the museum: students will be using artefacts and exhibitions throughout the museum to deepen their understanding of the key developments in medicine across the range of the course
- Revision session: as part of this session, facilitated by HGS History teachers, students will be utilising their work from the day to focus on the broader questions of the course and the requirements of the examination

Essential information

- **Timing** – we will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school at 4.00pm on Wednesday 13th March. As we return to school after the school buses have departed, you will need to ensure alternative transport is in place for your son/daughter's return home.
- **Uniform** – students will be required to wear school uniform
- **Lunch** – students should ensure that they bring a packed lunch

The cost of the trip is £18, which includes coach costs, entry into Thackray Medical Museum and the bespoke sessions throughout the day. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the trip, please pay £18 online at <https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/parents/payments/> by 11th February.

This is a superb opportunity for students to take advantage of a whole day dedicated to revising a quarter of their GCSE, based on an interactive and varied approach not possible within the classroom or as part of personal revision.

Yours sincerely,

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