



January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 History trip to Ironbridge, Shropshire - Wednesday 10th June – Friday 12th June 2026

The History Department will be offering the opportunity for Year 8 (current Year 7) History students to enrich their experience of the History curriculum and understanding of the impact of the Industrial Revolution through a field trip to Ironbridge, Shropshire. Students will be studying this in the Spring Term of Year 8.

Ironbridge offers a fantastic opportunity to travel back in time to the days of the Victorians at the Blists Hill Open Air Museum where the sights and sounds, shops and houses of the 19th century have been faithfully recreated and where you can take part in some of the activities and still spend pounds, shillings and pence. No trip to Ironbridge is complete without viewing the iconic bridge over the Severn, the wonder of its day, whilst also viewing the remains of the furnaces and the elegant houses of the ironmasters. The students will also make a stop at Cadbury World on the final day where they will learn about Cadbury history and of course, have the chance to sample some chocolate.

The cost of the trip is **£320**. This includes transport, accommodation at YHA Coalport, all meals and entrance fees. There are **40 spaces** available. The payment schedule is as follows:

- Deposit of £40.00 by Friday 31st January
- Instalment of £75.00 by Friday 21st March
- Instalment of £40 by Friday 30th May
- Instalment of £40 by Thursday 31st July
- Instalment of £40 by Tuesday 30th September
- Instalment of £40 by Friday 28th November
- Balance of £45 by Friday 30th January 2026

If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend and pay a deposit **of £40 by Friday 31st January**. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will determine the places by a fair ballot and those who are unsuccessful will be refunded in full. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium (or has been entitled to Free School Meals in the last 6 years), financial support may be available. In the first instance, please contact our Finance department by email on finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk. Shortly after the closing date, we shall be in touch to confirm whether your child has secured a place on this trip and to provide further information.

We always take the responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students very seriously. When

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students are involved in an activity off-site this can mean that there is the potential for an increased risk. Therefore, before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks. This includes arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect the students involved in the activity to fully cooperate with the arrangements made and to closely follow the instructions of the responsible adults throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any student where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Hobbs
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