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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to advise you that Portals to the Past will be visiting Queensway School on **Tuesday 1st December 2026** and **Tuesday 2nd February 2027.** This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to immerse themselves in their World War Two and upcoming Ancient Greek topics.

Event:	**Tuesday 1st December 2026** During the workshop, children will get to participate in a range of educational activities and have the chance to explore genuine WWII artifacts and try on real period clothing. They will discover the true meaning of community spirit and gain a memorable insight into what life was like for people in Britain during World War II, particularly children. In the session children will: • Look at the outbreak of war in 1939, following the early stages of conflict up to the dramatic evacuation at Dunkirk. • Discover what life was like on the home front during air raids and explore how children were evacuated for safety. • Learn the basics of wartime communication and try cracking secret messages using Morse code. • Complete a WWII Fact-Finding Quiz. • Explore rationing focusing on how people adapted to shortages and what a weekly food allowance looked like during the war. • Examine equipment used by soldiers, from helmets to field packs, before uncovering the secrets of Operation Mincemeat. • Look at the D-Day landings. • Get hands-on with battlefield medicine, trying out basic techniques used to treat injured soldiers. • Discover VE Day and understand how people celebrated the end of the war in Europe. **Tuesday 2nd February 2027** This workshop, delivered by an Ancient Greek warrior, explores everything from the warring city states, the birth of democracy and Greek legends to Alexander the Great and Greek culture. In the session children will: • Explore Greek life and culture • Take part in a Greek quiz • Try their hand at Archimedes' Stomachion – the oldest known mathematical puzzle • Play Petteia, the Greek strategy game • Be transported to a Greek theatre to re-enact Greek myths and legends • Explore warrior weapons and armour and the great battle of Gaugamela • Explore the idea of democracy • Join in with a mini Olympic Games

Venue:	Queensway School
Date:	Tuesday 1st December 2026 and Tuesday 2nd February 2027
Timing:	9:00am – 3:00pm
Cost:	£18.00 which will cover the cost of both workshops.
Permission/Payment Deadline:	Payments to be made via ParentPay. A payment of £9 will be due by Monday 9th November 2026. With the remaining payment of £9 to be made by Monday 11th January 2027.
Dress Code:	Children are invited to dress up as a World War Two evacuee – see attached information for ideas. For the Greek Day, more information will follow nearer the time.
Lunch/snack arrangements:	As it is taking place in school, lunchtime arrangements will be as normal.

Additional details:
Please ensure full payment is made via ParentPay by the deadline https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login. In line with our Charging Policy, if we do not receive sufficient monies by this date we will not be able to go ahead with the trip. A full copy of our Charging Policy can be found on our website. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact the school office. Should your child be unwell/absent on the day of the trip, we unfortunately are unable to offer any refunds.

If you require any further information or clarification regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Kind regards,

Miss Hoffman and Mrs Robertson
Year 5 Teachers

Evacuee Ideas

To help us get into the spirit of the day, we invite children to come dressed as a WWII evacuee. Some simple examples of costumes are shown below.

On arrival, each child will be issued with their own identity label and rationing card to complete the experience.





