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Dear Parents

We are delighted to advise you that Portals to the Past will be visiting Queensway School on **Monday 1st December 2025**.

Event:	<p>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.</p> <p>In the session children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Venue:	Queensway School
Date:	Monday 1 st December 2025
Timing:	9:00am – 3:00pm
Cost:	£8.50
Permission/Payment Deadline:	Payments to be made via ParentPay by Monday 10th November .
Dress Code:	Children are invited to dress up as a World War Two evacuee – see attached information for ideas.
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 gas mask box, identity label, and rationing card to complete the experience.

