



# Ryecroft C.E. (C) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

An educational visit for Year 7 pupils has been organised to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This visit links into a number of curricular areas including: English, History and Religious Studies. We shall be leaving school at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm.

Covering 150 acres, the Arboretum has more than 200 dedicated memorials on site which make the Arboretum a living tribute that will forever acknowledge the personal sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and civil services of this country.

Importantly, the focus isn't totally military. There is a large area devoted to Police who have fallen while on duty, as well as other areas devoted to the Fire and Rescue and Ambulance services. At the center of the Arboretum is the Armed Forces Memorial which is a nationally significant focus for Remembrance. It honours those members of the Armed Forces (Regular and Reserve) who were killed on duty while performing functions attributable to the special circumstances and requirements of the Armed Forces, or as a result of terrorist action, and those who died while deployed on designated operations. The Memorial is a stunning piece of architecture comprising a 43 metre diameter stone structure with two curved walls and two straight walls containing the names of those honoured here. Your child will visit a number of memorials, including 'Shot at dawn', a visit to the Armed Forces Memorial and take part in an act of remembrance and poppy making.

The school is subsidising the cost of the activities/workshops and F.O.R.M. (Friends of Ryecroft Middle School) are covering all transportation costs. Therefore there will be no cost to parents for this visit.

School uniform must be worn. In addition, and as most of the day will be spent outside, your child will need suitable outdoor clothing appropriate for the current weather conditions such as a waterproof coat. Pupils will also require a packed lunch (no glass bottles please). **If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch, they must place an order with kitchen staff by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

Although the trip is open to all Year 7 pupils the school reserves the right to refuse participation to any pupil whose behaviour in school is judged unacceptable.

Yours sincerely

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