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Dear Parents and Carers

This term Year 8 students will be completing a research project for homework to engage with the skills and work of historians first hand. The experience should be both interesting and valuable for their understanding of how historians use sources and find out about the past, which is an important part of the new GCSE history course as well as a valuable skill for life.

For the content of this project we have chosen for students to research their own family, as we hope this will be an exciting thing to discover and will aid engagement. However, we understand that for some students this might be a challenging topic and have therefore offered an alternative project to students who would prefer not to find out about their families. The alternative option is to research the history of a famous person from our local area.

If you are able to support your child by finding photographs or visiting relatives, they will be able to use these in their project. There are very useful online sites that can help to create family trees, some of which are free, but please ensure that if your child chooses to use such a website that they are supervised. This is because some sites offer options to match their trees with potential family members. Students have been advised on how to work safely online, but it would be helpful if this could reiterated at home.

If you have any queries or concerns about this project, please feel free to contact Miss Evans in the History department who will be happy to answer any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'C. Evans', written over a faint, light-colored grid or watermark.

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