



THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We Will Remember Them Lecture

'The Quick and the Dead' by Richard Van Emden

Monday 14 November 2011

The school is holding its annual 'We Will Remember Them' History lecture on Monday 14 November at 7.30 pm in the DRT. We are delighted to welcome another distinguished speaker this year in the person of Richard Van Emden. Richard is a distinguished and extensive writer on the Great War. He has interviewed 270 veterans of the war and to date has published 12 books including 'Boy Soldiers', and 'The Last Fighting Tommy' a biography of Harry Patch. His most recent work is 'The Quick and the Dead' which focuses on the families who were left to suffer at home while their husband, fathers and sons went off to fight.

We are delighted that Mr Van Emden is able to deliver this year's lecture which will be of interest both to the pupil body but also to many parents and friends of the school as well. I would expect all those studying History in the Sixth Form to attend, and Year 9 may well find it especially relevant as they will be studying aspects of the Great War later on this term and next term. The lecture is aimed at a generalist rather than specialist audience.

The talk will begin at 7.30 pm but refreshments will be available from 7.00 pm onwards.

There is naturally no charge for admission, but in order to help with catering, it would be helpful to have an indication beforehand of numbers. If you are interested in coming, please complete the slip below and return it to me no later than Wednesday 3 November.

Signed copies of 'The Quick and the Dead' (due for publication in October) will be available for sale after the talk, perhaps making for an ideal Christmas presents. I am also sure that Richard would be willing to sign any of his other books brought along on the evening as well.

I hope very much that you will be able to attend what promises to be a stimulating and enjoyable event.

Yours sincerely

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Head of History and Politics

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Please reserve seats for the *We Will Remember Them* Lecture on Monday 14 November 2011

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