



ARDEN

Family Learning Project

FOR Year 9

WW1 'Keeping Connected' Family Learning Project

We are very excited to be working with partner schools in Europe through an E-Twinning project
This project is open to all students in Year 9.

What do you have to do?

'Research and share stories from WW1'

Pupils, with their families have from March until May 2015 to produce a project on World War One; at two points the research will be shared on our Frog VLE for the E-Twinning project so the other schools involved can see. We are working with schools in France, Turkey, Italy and possibly more who will all have local stories of WW1 to share.

Part 1

Produce information on what happened during WW1. Use facts and explain information on the whole war. Students should be able to expand on the knowledge gained from their work on WW1 in History and English this year. Students should present their work electronically and it can be written as a report, a news story, a poem or in another way to be decided by the pupil. This will need to be completed and handed in during the first week back after Easter.

Part 2

Students will then develop their understanding through research of a particular area of their own choice. We would like the projects to be about the stories of either local people or family members where possible. They should look into the person's involvement in WW1 and also the impact that it had on their life and the lives of their family and community.

This project should be completed by the student with the help of their family and can be presented in a range of ways, but it should aim to impress us! This could be a video, blog, book, news report, series of poems, short stories or drama.

Once Part 1 of the project has been completed there will be opportunities to Skype with the other schools and share/discuss the projects.

Why are we asking you to do this?

- This project is part of our commemorations of the centenary of WW1 '1914-18'.
- School is all about finding things out and exploring new ideas.
- Learning is something that happens beyond the school gates too.
- Families have a key role to play and can enjoy sharing in the learning process.
- Students at Arden are expected to take responsibility for their own learning.
- Learning takes many forms and there is not always a 'correct method' or specific goal.
- Creativity, resourcefulness and independence are all key attributes for Arden learners.
- It is important to take an active interest in culture and history. This project is a great way to develop global learning opportunities through a WW1 topic and to connect to classrooms in other countries.

Timescale: April – June 2015

March/April 2015: Research and produce a project on WW1 general research

April - May 2015: Research and present local/family WW1 story

April – June 2015: Sharing stories online, skyping with partner schools and project completion

**If you would like to be involved but want more information
please see Mrs Allton, Assistant Principal.**

