

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 9 and 10 October 2017

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 October 2017, details of which are attached. We have endeavoured to provide a range of activities for all students and have subsidised a number of these activities to try to keep costs to parents/carers as low as possible. These Curriculum Enrichment days offer valuable opportunities for students to experience activities not normally available in the curriculum.

We anticipate all students will take part in all activities.

Please read through the information carefully and complete the relevant form(s) attached, which should be returned to the Finance Office at the school, **by Friday 29 September.**

In order to finance these trips, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution. We very much hope you are able to contribute; if we do not get enough contributions we will have to cancel the trips. As the school receives a grant for students currently on free school meals, we do not require a contribution for these students as this can be funded from the grant; however, a completed consent form is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Unless stated otherwise, all activities will be leaving and returning within the normal school day.

An EV5 medical consent form is attached and this will cover all activities off site. **Please ensure this is completed and returned with the permission slips.** If this form is not returned, your child will not be able to go on the trips. Please would you direct any further enquiries to the named teacher who is organising the trip.

The Geography trip is non-uniform. All other activities are normal school uniform. Please refer to the individual guidance for each activity for details of any specific clothing requirements.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs F Gormley
Deputy Headteacher**

Monday 9 October	Tuesday 10 October
<p>Geography trip to Dawlish Warren (Geography Students ONLY)</p> <p>Careers Day for Textiles/Fine Art students going to V&A tomorrow</p> <p>ICT or History Day for the rest</p>	<p>Careers Day</p> <p>Trip to the V&A Museum for Fine Art and Textiles students (<i>if your child does Fine Art and Textiles they will receive a separate letter for this trip</i>)</p>

Information:

Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Focus (Dawlish Warren) – GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS ONLY

Organising teacher: **Mrs L Stone**

Cost: £9.50

As part of our work in GCSE Geography, we are planning to take all Year 11 Geography students to Dawlish Warren in Devon. The trip is planned for **Monday 10 October. We will be leaving school at 8.15am so students must be at school for 8.00am to ensure the coaches leave on time. We will return to school for around 4.15pm (dependent on traffic).**

The students will be required to collect their own individual and group data with the support of their teachers to evidence their coursework. The Fieldwork Focus will count for 25% of their final GCSE grade and will be completed in lessons during the Autumn term so it is vital all students attend.

Students need to bring with them:

- Packed lunch (there will be no time to buy food there).
- Good walking boots or good trainers and/or wellington boots.
- Wet weather clothing e.g. raincoat with a hood, trousers if possible (we will be outside all day).
- Layers (e.g. a jacket, jumper etc..) to be prepared for warm/cold weather - it is likely to be changeable!
- Pens and pencils and a clipboard if they have one (we do have some to borrow at school)
- Small rucksack to carry lunch and equipment.
- It may be worthwhile to bring dry socks and shoes just in case the weather is wet.
- Cameras are suggested so that students can use photographs in their coursework as evidence but are the responsibility of individual students.

Careers Day

Organising teacher: **Mrs J Corbett**

The aim of the day is to equip students with information to help them make informed post-16 choices regarding college courses, apprenticeships, local college providers and to explore possible careers. There will be one session looking at the careers website, Careerpilot. Two periods are run by the colleges and they explain the application process as well as running through the courses available i.e. A Levels, BTECs, Apprenticeships etc. Students will have an opportunity to start to complete their CV and Personal Statement which are needed to accompany their college application. Richard Jones, the Careers Advisor from Richard Huish College will be giving a presentation about the reality of student loans when studying at university and as such dispel any myths.

CONSENT FORMS

Could you please sign the below consent form and return to the Finance Officer by Friday 29 September.
If your child does not do Geography, then there are no forms for you to return

Geography Fieldwork Trip to Dawlish Warren – GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS ONLY

I would like my son/daughter (student’s name and form) to participate in the Year 11 activity, Visit to Dawlish Warren. As parent/carer, I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it.

As parent/carer I would be willing/unwilling* to make a voluntary contribution of £9.50 to cover the cost of the trip. I enclose cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School). I have paid online or by credit/debit card* (*Please delete as applicable).

I am currently receiving Free School Meals.

a) except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as for students in educational establishments, ie, that the Academy can only insure against the proven negligence by the Academy and/or its employees; and

b) The Academy purchases travel insurance through Chubb Insurance which provides personal accident cover (see copy of the policy on the school website for details) but I may consider taking out my own travel insurance to supplement this if appropriate.

Emergency telephone number should we need to contact you (essential)

Signed Date