

April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 7 Curriculum Enrichment Days
Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 June**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 June, 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 11 May.**

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 from 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 these trips, please contact the school's Finance Office.

An EV5 external visit 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 teachers who are organising the trips.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F Gormley
Deputy Headteacher

Year 7 students

Tuesday 26 June		Wednesday 27 June	
GOM Houses	RBV Houses	GOM Houses	RBV Houses
Chepstow Castle Visit	Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park	Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park	Chepstow Castle Visit

Costs: **Chepstow Castle: £12.50**
 Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park: £16.00

Important trip information

Visit to Chepstow

Organising teacher: **Miss N Murnin**

As part of the Year 7 History course, we will be studying Medieval society and more specifically, the development of castles and fortifications. This visit will be an excellent opportunity for our students in Year 7 to experience these developments for themselves. Students will go on a tour of the castle, take part in designing strategies for defending and attacking fortifications, and be enthralled by our Medieval re-enactor, archer and fletcher.

With the recent changes to GCSE History, Year 7s who choose to study History at GCSE in Year 10 and 11 will get an opportunity to study Chepstow in much greater detail as part of their course. Therefore, this exciting enrichment activity provides an excellent base for future GCSE studies.

We advise all students to wear home clothes and sensible shoes or trainers or they will be banned from walking around the castle; students need to be prepared for all weathers as the area is very exposed, i.e. rainproof clothing, sun cream, sun hats etc. All students will need to bring a packed lunch and a pen and pencil. They will need at least two bottles of water - no food/drink is available to buy.

We will register as normal and will travel to Chepstow by coach. The journey should be relatively short, lasting approximately 1 hour 15 minutes each way. We will depart from school at approximately 9.00 am and return just before the end of school, at 3.30 pm.

Visit to Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park

Organising teachers: **Mr M Alborough & Miss K Luckes**

As part of the Year 7 Science curriculum, students will be learning about ecology and the environment, looking at habitats, classification and the adaptations of different species.

The visit to Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park will enable students to find out about a variety of species from around the world, their adaptations, habitats and the threats facing them. They will be provided with a booklet focusing on these areas to complete during their trip.

Students will need to wear full Castle School PE kit, unless the weather is cold, in which case they should wear full school uniform. All students will need to bring a packed lunch, drink and a pen and pencil. They may also bring a small amount of spending money to use in the shop if they wish.

We will register as normal and will travel to Weymouth by coach. The journey will be approximately 1 hour 45 minutes each way. We will depart from school at 9.00 am and to make the most of the day, will return at 5pm. Please complete the form on the next page to advise if you will be collecting your child from school at 5pm or if you are happy for them to make their own way home.

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CONSENT FORMS

Could you please fill out and sign the consent forms and return them to the Finance Office with payment **by Friday 11 May.**

Visit – Chepstow Castle and Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park

I would like my son/daughter (student's name and form) to participate in the Year 7 activities, Chepstow Castle and Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park. As parent/carer, I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my son/daughter taking part in them.

As parent/carer I would be willing/unwilling* to make a voluntary contribution of £28.50 to cover the cost of both the trips. 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 Zurich Municipal 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(Parent/Carer) Date

For the Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park trip, I will:

a) Arrange to have my child collected from front of school after the trip at 5pm.

or

b) Give permission for my child to make their own way home when the trip arrives back at 5pm.

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Date