



27 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 GCSE trip to Glastonbury Abbey

On Thursday 27 March the History Department has organised a trip to Glastonbury Abbey as part of the local study for history GCSE, on which they will have a 1-hour exam in the summer. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 3.00pm.

The trip is designed for students to gain a more specific knowledge of the site that will be assessed in the exam in Year 11. Therefore, we will be working all day. Students need to be prepared for this by bringing pens and pencils.

While on site at Glastonbury Abbey we will complete a physical remains map task, spend time looking at the archaeological finds, have a session on digital reconstructions and interviews with characters from the Medieval period.

We will be spending a substantial amount of time outside, therefore it is suggested that students bring the following:

- Appropriate clothing (not school uniform) with a coat and/or sun cream.
- Sensible footwear and warm socks.
- A packed lunch (not money as there is nowhere to buy food etc).
- A charged mobile phone with a camera or a charged digital camera.

The cost of the trip is £12.00 which covers the coach journey and entry into Glastonbury Abbey. In order to finance this trip, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution in cash/card or online via MCAS <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>.

We very much hope you are able to contribute; if we do not get enough contributions we will have to cancel the trip. As the school receives a grant for students currently receiving free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant; **however, in any event, parental consent is still required**. Please complete the slip at the foot of this letter and bring it back to the Student Reception.

If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office. We value your feedback and will take it into consideration in our future planning. The deadline for payment/consent is Friday 28 February.

Please ensure that we have your up to date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database.

Yours sincerely



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Year 11 GCSE Glastonbury Abbey, 27 March 2025

Please return this form with voluntary payment to Student Reception by Friday 28 February

I consent for my son/daughter Form

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to go on this trip.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

I currently receive Free School Meals