



5 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 22 January/23 January 2025

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Wednesday 22 January and Thursday 23 January 2025, 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.

In order to finance trips, we ask that parents/carers make a voluntary contribution. The school subsidises some of the costs of the enrichment activities but is finding that costs are rising. If we do not receive enough parental donations, the trips will need to be cancelled. 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, parental consent is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Payment for trips can be made using the online MCAS system <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone) but **you still need to give consent** to confirm that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter.

If you are making an online payment, please use the MCAS system to give your consent. If you are paying by cash/card or receive free school meals, please use the slip at the foot of this letter to give your consent and return the slip to the Finance Office/Student Reception.

The deadline for consent/payment is **Monday 16 December**.

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.

School trips are covered by the Trust insurance policy. Please be aware that:

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

b) the Trust is a member of the RPA (Department for Education risk protection arrangement) which provides personal accident cover (see copy of the policy on the school website for details) but you may consider taking out your own personal accident cover to supplement this if appropriate.

Please would you direct any further enquiries to the named teacher who is organising the activity.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Wordsworth
Head of School
The Castle School

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Please return this slip to the Finance Office/Student Reception by Monday 16 December if not giving consent through MCAS.

Enrichment Days 22-23 January 2025

I give permission for my son/daughter

Form to attend these Enrichment Days.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

Year 11 Students

Wednesday 22 January		Thursday 23 January	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
Year 11 Study Skills Day: Fix Up Team Visitors NHS Mental Health Team visitors (GOM)		Year 11 Study Skills Day: NHS Mental Health Team visitors (RBY) Trip to Hollywood Bowl	

Year 11 Study Skills Days

Organising Teacher: Mr D Simpson

Cost: £13:00

Across the two days students will have 5 hours of focused time to support them in preparing for GCSEs with sessions on working independently and key revision skills delivered by subject teachers.

Fix up Team - in School Visitors

On Wednesday 22nd January we are excited to welcome the Fix Up Team to school who will be working with year 11 on revision and study skills and providing an assembly designed to get students' exam ready.

NHS Mental Health Team

The NHS Mental Health Team will be supporting students with 'Wellbeing Support in Year 11' sessions. These will take place in school in tutor groups for GOM on Wednesday 22nd Jan and RBY Thursday 23rd January.

Trip to Hollywood Bowl

Organising teacher: Mr J Wordsworth

To balance this, we have arranged to take the year 11s to go to Hollywood Bowl for a friendly bowling tournament!

This will take place on Thursday 23rd January and travel by coach in tutor groups.

GOM will be leaving school at 11am and arriving back at school for 1:15pm approx.

RBY will have lunch before leaving school at 1:30 and arriving back at school for 3:30pm approx.

Students may bring a small amount of money to purchase refreshments if they wish and will need to be in school uniform.