

May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Curriculum Enrichment Days  
Tuesday 26 June and Wednesday 27 June 2018**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Tuesday 26 June and Wednesday 27 June 2018, 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 Main Office at the school **by Friday 18 May 2018**. An EV5 external visit consent form is attached and this will cover all activities. **Please ensure this is completed and returned with the permission slip.** 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 visit.

There is only a cost for the Fine Art and Textiles trip to the Tate. In order to finance this trip, 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 trip. As the school receives a grant for students receiving 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.

**Students must wear school uniform for all activities except for the Team Building activity which is in PE kit.**

Yours sincerely



**Mrs F Gormley  
Deputy Headteacher**

## Year 9 students

Tuesday 26 June		Wednesday 27 June	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
Team Building in School	Employer Visits or Visit to Bath Spa University	Employer Visits or Visit to Bath Spa University	Team Building in School
		FINE ART/TEXTILES STUDENTS ONLY (who have opted to take these subjects at GCSE): Visit to the Tate Britain	

### Important trip information for Year 9 students

#### **Employer Visits**

Leader: **Mrs J Corbett**

As part of the enrichment days, we are planning visits to employers in the local area.

The purpose of the visit is to give your child an insight into the world of work, focusing on the skills employers are looking for in future employees.

The visit can include:

- A tour of the business
- A talk by the manager
- Work shadowing
- Interviews to help look at work skills

In most cases the visits will last about 3 hours and in the afternoon there will be a presentation from the local colleges on apprenticeships and further education courses.

The exact timings are different for each placement and full details will be sent home when the final selections have been made.

The dress for the day is school uniform unless different attire is indicated when the student's placement is confirmed. A packed lunch may be needed and transport will be provided if the business is out of town.

There is no charge for this day and unless they are going on the Fine Art trip, it is expected that all students in Year 9 will take part.

Some of these placements will be more popular than others so an early reply is advised. Please return slips to Mrs Corbett in Q15 – please see details of placements over the page.

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#### **Visiting Bath Spa University**

Leader: **Mrs J Corbett**

**Cost: £5.00**

This year we are delighted to be able to give the Year 9 students a fantastic opportunity to visit a university and to find out about student life, courses etc. The aim is to raise awareness and aspiration towards Higher Education for students who may be thinking about the possibility of going to university. The students will be given a tour of the campus and will participate in a number of activities facilitated by current student ambassadors.

The students will be taken by coach, leaving at 7:30am and will return to school by 4:00pm. Please make sure students bring a packed lunch. **Please note that places are limited to 40 students (due to rooming at the University) so it is important to return the form as soon as possible.**

## **Team Building**

Organising teacher: **Mr M Wilkins**

The aim of this Year 9 enrichment day is to focus on developing team values and personal qualities. The core elements of the day will develop trust, co-operation, teamwork, decision making, leadership, respect, confidence, communication, creative thinking and problem solving skills through a carousel of challenging and fun activities - all based within school. **Students need to wear their PE kit**, and make sure they have a warm top with them. If bad weather is forecast waterproofs will be needed.

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## **Visit to the Tate Britain (Fine Art and Textiles students ONLY who have opted to take these subjects at GCSE)**

Organising teacher: **Miss E Steed**

**Year 9 GCSE Fine Art/Textiles option students ONLY** are invited to a trip to Tate Britain Art Galleries in London on Wednesday 27 June.

Leave school at 7:30am and return by 7:30pm (approx).

**Cost: £22.00**

As we approach the end of Year 9 and begin to prepare for the challenges of Year 10, students who have chosen Fine Art and Textiles as a GCSE subject are invited to join us on a trip to the Tate Britain Art Gallery in London.

Students will leave school at 7:30am, arriving in London at around 11am. We will visit Tate Britain Gallery which houses the national collection of British Art including classic paintings to more contemporary pieces. We shall also be attending the exhibition 'All Too Human' featuring work by artists such as Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon. The work within this exhibition will be invaluable to students as we work on our coursework unit 'Identity' during Year 10.

At each gallery, students will be given some guidance to help interpret the exhibits; they will have some free time to explore, and will complete tasks that can be added to one of their coursework units next year. We will leave London at 3:30pm and hope to be back at school by 7:30pm (approx).

Studying artists and learning about the world of art is an important aspect of the GCSE course, therefore it is highly recommended that all Art and Textiles students attend this trip, which will provide an introduction to some of the ideas and images we study in the GCSE course, as well as being an enjoyable day out.

Students need to be in school uniform and bring a packed lunch.

Could you please sign the consent forms and return them to the Finance Office with the payment **by Friday 18 May 2018**

**CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT DAYS – 26 & 27 June 2018**

**Tate Gallery (Fine Art and Textiles students ONLY who have opted to take these subjects at GCSE)**

I would like my son/daughter ..... (student's name and form) to go on the Tate Gallery trip on Wednesday 27 June. 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 £22.00 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 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**) .....

I will:

a) Arrange to have my child collected from front of school after the trip  or

b) Give permission for my child to make their own way home

Signed ..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....

**Employer Visits/Bath Spa University**

I would like my son/daughter ..... to participate in the Year 9 Activity, Employer Visits/Bath Spa University. 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 £5.00 to cover the cost of the Bath Spa University trip (there is no cost for the Employer Visits). I enclose cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School/**I have paid online** or by credit/debit card\*. (\*Please delete as applicable).

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

Signed ..... Date .....

**CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT DAYS – 26 & 27 JUNE 2018**

**Please complete this form and return to Mrs Corbett in Q15 by Friday 18 May**

**Year 9 Activity**

**Visiting Places of Work/Workshops/Bath Spa University**

Tuesday 26 June – RBY

Wednesday 27 June – GOM

Name: .....

Form: .....

**(Remember, if you are doing GCSE Fine Art/Textiles next year you will be on the Tate trip on Wednesday 27 June).**

Select 3 of the options below and number them 1, 2, 3 (1 being the placement you would most like to visit).

<b>Employer/University</b>	<b>Areas of interest</b>	<b>Choice</b>
Bath Spa University ( <b>All Day</b> ) – 40 places	Campus tour and activities run by student ambassadors.	
Audi – 6 places	Motor Vehicle Sales	
Taunton Day Nursery – 6 places	Nursery Nurse, Child Care, Early Years Teacher	
Beehive Nursery – 4 places	Nursery Nurse, Child Care	
Heritage Centre – 15 places	Heritage careers (archives, local studies, museums, historic environment and heritage learning)	
Rectory Care Home – 6 places	Health and Social Care	
Midas Construction (TDBC office project) – 12 places	Built environment sector: carpentry, electrical engineering, quantity surveying, design	
Taunton Fire Brigade – 15 places	Emergency Services	
Yeovil Town Football Club – 15 places	Football, Physio, Marketing, Groundsperson (minibus transport provided)	
Taunton Magistrates Court – 15 places	Law <i>Please note: Students must be 14 years old at the time of the visit.</i>	
The Hair Academy – 10 places ( <b>Tues only</b> )	Hairdressing	
Taunton Fabrications – 10 places ( <b>Tues only</b> )	Steel work, Accounts, Computer Assisted Design, Engineering	

There will be a presentation from the local colleges in the afternoon on Apprenticeships and Further Education courses.