

September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

On **Tuesday 8 October** the History Department has organised a trip to Glastonbury Abbey as part of the local study for the new GCSE, on which they will have a 1-hour exam in the Summer. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning just before 3.20pm so that students can make their way home as normal.

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 a pad of A4 lined paper and pens and pencils.

While on site at Glastonbury Abbey, we will complete a physical remains map task, a session looking at the archaeological finds, 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 (gloves and hat depending on weather)
- 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

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 currently receiving free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant; however, a completed EV5 consent form is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office. The cost of the trip is **£12.50**.

Please pay either via the school's online payment system, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone). All payments and EV5s to be returned **by Monday 30 September**.

This is one of our school Enrichment Days, details of the second day (Wednesday 9 October) will be given to students in due course.

Yours sincerely

Matt Lowe

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