

17 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 7/8 October 2025

We have now finalised all the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October 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.

The overall cost of these trips is £26 per student.

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 prices are rising. If we do not receive enough parental donations, the trips will need to be cancelled.

Payment for trips can be made online using the Arbor system.

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 for all students to confirm that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter. Consents can be given online via Arbor or by returning the consent slip to the Finance Office/Student Reception.

Parents of students entitled to free school meals can still consent to their child attending the trip via Arbor as there is a non-payment option.

If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

The deadline for consent/payment is **Tuesday 30 September**.

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 Lamb
Headteacher
The Castle School

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Please return this slip to the Finance Office/Student Reception by Tuesday 30 September if not giving consent through Arbor.

Enrichment Days 7-8 October 2025

I give permission for my son/daughter

Form to attend these Enrichment Days.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

Year 10 Students

Tuesday 7 October		Wednesday 8 October	
GOM Houses	RBV Houses	GOM Houses	RBV Houses
Careers Interview Skills/CV Writing Work Experience Planning House Enterprise	Shepton Mallet Prison Trip	Bodmin Jail Trip	Careers Interview Skills/CV Writing Work Experience Planning House Enterprise

Historic Prison Visit (Sociology and History)

Organising teacher: Mr T Hawkins and Mr D Simpson

Students will be given a fully guided tour of the prison and take part in educational activity, offering engaging case studies and an insight into local history. The tours are designed to develop students' understanding of law and sociology as well as their curiosity of the past. These visits are also an opportunity to reflect on issues of punishment, justice and how our legal system has evolved over time

Students should wear school uniform and are expected to bring the following: -

- A packed lunch and water
- A warm coat
- A backpack for their belongings

Shepton Mallet Prison: RBV

We will leave school by coach from Bridgwater & Taunton College Bus Bay (located outside Bridgwater & Taunton College on the road into school) at 8.30am. Students need to arrive at school at 8:15am. The journey will be approximately 1 hour 45 minutes each way. We will return to school at 3:20pm.

The prison wings and cells are unheated, and the prison will be cold, so we would suggest students bring a warm winter coat.

Bodmin Jail: GOM

Students need to arrive at school for usual time and register as usual. We will return to school at 4:00pm approx.

Careers:

Organising teacher: Mrs J Lanfranchi

Apprenticeships and Independent Training Providers

There will be an awareness presentation of apprenticeships and pathways into apprenticeships delivered by representatives from local colleges and will include a short presentation. Apprenticeships cover all qualification levels from level 2 through to degree and masters.

Interview Skills and CV writing

Year 10 Interview skills and CV writing session is supported by visitors from local colleges and prepares students for an interview they will have with a visitor from industry as part of our January Enrichment program, and for their work experience that takes place later this year.

By the end of the session, students will be able to:

- Understand that interviews help the employer and employee assess their match for one another.
- Identify different types of interview and their purpose.
- Understand the purpose of a CV.
- Begin to complete their own CV.

Work Experience and House Enterprise:

Organising teacher: Mrs M Rolls/Mr Simpson

Working with their tutors, students will be given time in computer rooms for planning their Work Experience using the Link2 database of employers, and for beginning to explore their ideas for the House Enterprise project.