

18 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 7 October/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 the trip is £34 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 11 Students

Tuesday 7 October		Wednesday 8 October	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
<b>Water sports and Outdoor Activities Trip</b> <b>TBC</b>	<b>First Aid Training</b> (in school)  <b>Fix Up Team</b> (in school visitors)  <b>Computational Thinking</b> (in school)	<b>First Aid Training</b> (in school)  <b>Fix Up Team</b> (in school visitors)  <b>Computational Thinking</b> (in school)	<b>Water sports and Outdoor Activities Trip</b> <b>TBC</b>

### **Water sports and Outdoor Activities Trip**

Organising teacher: Mrs C Curno

Due to this year's hot weather affecting the reservoir levels, we have sadly needed to cancel our planned trip to Wimbleball lake. We are currently in the process of planning an alternative day of exciting instructor-led outdoor activities based on outdoor education and teambuilding. The cost of the trip remains £34.

A separate letter detailing this will follow.

### **First Aid Training – in school**

Organising person: Mrs Michelle Rolls

We are delighted to have the team from 'Action for Life' in school to deliver a Basic Life Support course for our Year 11 students. The course aims to give students the confidence and knowledge in essential first aid such as CPR and the recovery position. The activity will take place in school in tutor groups. Students should wear school uniform.

### **Fix up Team – in school Visitors**

Organising teacher: Mr D Simpson

We are excited to welcome back visitors from the Fix Up Seminars to school. The team will be working with year 11 in their tutor groups on revision and study skills and providing a motivational Exam ready assembly. This is an in-school activity and students should wear school uniform.

### **Computational Thinking – in school**

Organising teacher: Mrs G Chapman

Students will complete tasks by developing and applying their problem-solving and computational thinking skills. This is an in-school activity and students should wear school uniform.