



27 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 15 October/16 October 2024**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Tuesday 15 October, and Wednesday 16 October 2024, 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. 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, parental consent is still required through the online Scopay system. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Payment for this trip can be made using the online Scopay system <https://www.scopay.com/castleschool-somerset>. Please note, you will need to tick the consent box before you can pay. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone) but you still need to log in to Scopay to give consent and confirm that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined in this letter. If you do not wish your child to participate you will need to log in and give a reason why. We value your feedback and will take this into consideration in our future planning. The deadline for payment/consent is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. You can pay in instalments if it's easier to spread the cost over the next month.

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

## Year 8 Students

Tuesday 15 October		Wednesday 16 October	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
<b>Art Trip – Exeter, Bristol and Cardiff</b>	<b>First Aid Training</b> (In-school)  <b>PSHE</b> Self-Esteem and Social Media	<b>First Aid Training</b> (In-school)  <b>PSHE</b> Self-Esteem and Social Media	<b>Art Trip – Exeter, Bristol and Cardiff</b>

### **Art Galleries trip – Exeter, Bristol, Cardiff**

Organising teacher: Mr D Simpson

**Price: £9**

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: GOM**

#### **Bristol Museum and Art Gallery**

**8M**

Form as normal and then to the tennis courts at 8:50am. Depart at 9.00am from college lay-by. Return by 3:20pm.

#### **Exeter RAMM**

**8G1, 8G2 and 8O**

Form as normal and then to the tennis courts at 9.00am. Depart at 9.15am from college lay-by. Return by 3:20pm.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: RBY**

#### **National Museum of Cardiff**

**8R and 8B**

Form as normal and then to the tennis courts at 8:50am. Depart at 9.00am from college lay-by. Return by 4:30pm.

#### **Exeter RAMM**

**8Y1 and Y2**

Form as normal and then to the tennis courts at 9.00am. Depart at 9.15am from college lay-by. Return by 3:20pm.

Students will either visit the National Museum of Cardiff (8R, 8B), the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) Exeter (8G1, 8G2, 8O, 8Y2, 8Y2) or Bristol Museum and Art Gallery (8M) which house a variety of art exhibits and items relating to the natural world.

During their visit, students will be given some guidance to help interpret the exhibits; they will then be given a task to complete as they move around the museum. Studying artists and learning about the world of art is invaluable to our students, and we are keen that everyone should be given an opportunity to see and interpret art in a gallery setting.

Students will need to wear school uniform, but we are happy for them to wear trainers as there will be a lot of walking to do during the day. They will need to bring a packed lunch, water for the day, their Year 8 Art sketchbooks (Art teachers will distribute these) pencils, a rubber and any other useful drawing equipment.

## **First Aid**

Lead teacher: Mr R Jones

Students will be in their tutor groups, and will gain a basic understanding and confidence in how to deal with the following incidents:

- CPR
- Primary survey & recovery position
- Choking
- Defib training, Epi Pens
- Calling 999

The activity will take place in school and students should wear school uniform.

## **PSHE**

Lead teacher: Mr M Wilkins

Students will be in tutor groups focusing on the following topics:

### **Social Media and Self Esteem**

The learning objectives for this lesson are:

- The rules and age restrictions that keep us safe, basic rules to keep safe online
- How to report online concerns
- Comparing an online presence with real life.