

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 10 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 22/23/24 March**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the three Curriculum Enrichment days on Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March, 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 these 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 trips 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 login 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 login 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 **Monday 7 March 2022.**

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 Thomson  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Year 10 Students

Tuesday 22 March		Wednesday 23 March		Thursday 24 March	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
<b>Paul Hannaford – Drugs/PSHE (In-school)</b>		<b>Go Ape, Haldon Forest</b>		<b>Go Ape, Haldon Forest</b>	
<b>Careers PSHE (In-school)</b>				<b>Yr 10 FGCSE Glastonbury Abbey</b> FGCSE students will receive an additional letter	
<b>MFL</b> MFL students will be notified separately				<b>Yr 10 DT 3D Printing</b> Students will be notified separately	
<b>Art Trip – TATE Britain London</b> Art students will receive an additional letter		<b>Yr 10 Geography trip to Bristol</b> Geography students will receive an additional letter		<b>Yr 10 Geography trip to Bristol</b> Geography students will receive an additional letter	

### **Go Ape, Haldon Forest**

Organising teacher: Mrs C Curno

**Cost: £43.00**

We are very excited to offer all Year 10s the opportunity to take part in a full day of outdoor activities at Go Ape at Haldon Forest. This will be led by fully qualified instructors and will include a range of activities such as a treetop adventure (think intricate crossings, wobbly bridges and brilliant zip wires finales), outdoor escape room and team games. Students need to register in their form room promptly and meet at the tennis courts ready to depart for 9.00am. We will return to school for approximately 5.00pm.

Students will not be expected to wear school uniform but will need to wear warm appropriate clothing for the activities and comfortable shoes/trainers. Please note that students may get muddy so be sure to wear old clothing/footwear!

Students will be expected to bring the following:

- A back pack for their belongings
- Packed lunch
- A coat.

### **Art – TATE Britain London**

Organising teacher: Mrs E Summers

**Cost: £27.00**

Art students will receive a separate letter.

### **Geography - Bristol**

Organising teacher: Mrs L Stone

**Cost: £15.50 tbc**

Geography students will receive a separate letter.

### **History – Glastonbury Abbey**

Organising teacher: Mr J Walker

**Cost: £16.50**

History students will receive a separate letter.

### **DT 3D Print and MFL sessions**

Students will be contacted by their teacher if they are participating these sessions.

## **Careers**

Organiser: **Mrs Corbett**

### Apprenticeships and independent training providers – Tuesday 22 March

There will be an awareness presentation of apprenticeships and pathways into apprenticeships delivered by a representative from SkillUp Somerset on behalf of the ASK programme (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools and Colleges) and will include a short presentation from two independent training providers. Apprenticeships cover all qualification levels from level 2 through to degree and masters.

### Interview Skills – Tuesday 22 March

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
- Apply the STAR method to answer some common interview questions

## **PSHE**

Organising teacher: Mr M Wilkins

Year 10 will be having three hours of PSHE during the March enrichment days. The three lessons are county lines, online exploitation and taxes

The lesson objectives are:

### County Lines

Students will have a lesson on 'county lines' drug trafficking and the affect it can have on their life and the lives of their peers.

- To raise awareness about county lines.
- To build resilience against becoming involved in county lines operations.
- To recognise the signs that someone may be involved in county lines.
- To know how to get help.
- To learn about what the police will do.

### Online Exploitation

- Make informed decisions about whether different media and digital content are appropriate to view and develop the skills to act on them.
- Correctly identify different types of cybercrime scams and how you can identify phishing and other scam emails.
- Describe what the different types of scams are and what they look like.
- Explain what techniques are used to hook people in to phishing and other online scams through assessing examples.

### Financial – Payslips, deductions & safety

- To know how to read a wage slip and understand contributions that are made through taxes.
- To know how to protect themselves from financial fraud that is carried out online and how report this type of crime.
- To recognise financial exploitation in different contexts e.g. drug and money mules, online scams.

### Paul Hannaford – Guest Speaker

Year 10 will also have a talk by an outside speaker, Paul Hannaford. Paul Hannaford has won multiple awards for his work educating students about the dangers of addiction, drugs and alcohol, knife crime and county lines. Through his own experiences as a former addict of over 20 years, he conveys an incredibly powerful and hard-hitting message. Paul has visited the school before and we look forward to welcoming him back.