

Dear Parent/Carer

14 December 2020

On **Tuesday 19 January** the History Department has organised a trip to Glastonbury Abbey as part of the local study for the history GCSE, on which they will have a 1-hour exam in the summer. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 2.00pm so that students can attend the 'Coppafeel' Assembly (cancer awareness) in Period 5.

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, spend time looking at the archaeological finds, have 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

The cost of the trip is £13.50 which covers the coach journey and entry into Glastonbury Abbey. 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, parental consent is still required. 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).

Scopay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent and 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 11 January**.

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.

This is one of our school Enrichment Days, details of the second day (Wednesday 20 January) will be given to students in due course.

Yours sincerely

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