

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 7 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 22/23/24 March 2022**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the three Curriculum Enrichment days on Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 25 March 2022, 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 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 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**. 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 Thomson  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## **Year 7 Students**

<b>Tuesday 22 March</b>		<b>Wednesday 23 March</b>		<b>Thursday 24 March</b>	
<b>GOM Houses</b>	<b>RBY Houses</b>	<b>GOM Houses</b>	<b>RBY Houses</b>	<b>GOM Houses</b>	<b>RBY Houses</b>
<b>RE – Exeter, places of worship</b>	<b>Weymouth Aquarium</b>	<b>Visit to London</b>	<b>RE – Exeter, places of worship</b>	<b>Weymouth Aquarium</b>	<b>Visit to London</b>

### **Visit to London**

Organising teacher: **Mr J Walker**

**Cost: £23**

We are very excited to offer all year 7s the opportunity to go to London in their first year at The Castle School. The aim of the trip is to give students the opportunity to see some of the nation's historic sights and understand the workings of our capital city.

Students will need to meet at Bridgwater and Taunton College bus stop at 7.15am for a 7.30am departure and we are not due to arrive back until 7:30pm.

Students will be able to take photos outside Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street and will eat lunch in the royal park of St James. They will take a boat trip down the Thames to see the sights of Westminster Palace and St Paul's Cathedral. Students will also have time in the National Art Gallery to see some of the most famous art work in the country.

Students will be expected to wear school uniform but they should ensure they wear trainers/comfortable shoes for walking.

Students will be expected to bring the following:

- A back pack for their belongings.
- Packed lunch (there won't be time to buy lunch)
- Comfortable shoes/trainers.
- A coat.
- A charged phone to take pictures and phone home at the end of the trip.

### **Weymouth Aquarium**

Organising teacher: Mrs Woodward

**Cost: £17.00**

As part of the Year 7 Science curriculum, students will be learning about ecology and the environment, looking at habitats, classification and the adaptations of different species.

The visit to Weymouth Aquarium will enable students to find out about a variety of species from around the world, their adaptations, habitats and the threats facing them. They will be provided with a booklet focusing on these areas to complete during their trip.

Students should wear full school uniform. All students will need to bring a packed lunch, drink and a pen and pencil. They may also bring a small amount of spending money to use in the shop if they wish.

We will register as normal and will travel to Weymouth by coach. The journey will be approximately 1 hour 45 minutes each way. We will depart from school at 9.00am and to make the most of the day, will return at 5.00pm.

### **RE – Exeter, places of worship**

Organising teacher: Mrs Norris

**Cost: £12.00**

As part of our unit on Religious Authority which looks at how scriptures are used, how communities worship together and how religions follow spiritual guidance, we are visiting places of worship in Exeter. We are visiting a mosque, the Cathedral and The Salvation Army Temple. Students will have a tour of the buildings and the worship space and complete an education booklet which will assist them in their learning of the topic. They will also have the chance to ask questions and talk to the different representatives of the religions.

We will leave school at approximately 9.00am and return by 3.20pm.

Students should wear school uniform and bring some form of head covering (scarf or hat), as well as waterproofs. Students will be asked to remove their shoes when entering the mosque so socks should be worn. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink