

May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Curriculum Enrichment Days – 30 June/01 July 2022

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment days on Thursday 30 June, and Friday 01 July 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 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 **Friday 27 May 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 10 Students

Thursday 30 June		Friday 01 July	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
GCSE Geography Lyme Regis Trip (for Geography students participating in Friday's Art trip)		GCSE Geography Lyme Regis Trip	
Careers - Mock interview morning		GCSE Art Eden Trip - All GCSE Photographers and Textiles students	
PSHE		Careers- Visit to Huish College	
Topics: Coppafeel/Body image/Diversity			
MFL Speaking			

GCSE Geography Lyme Regis Trip

Organising teacher: Mr S Marshall

Cost: £13.50

As part of the GCSE Geography course students are required to complete two days' fieldwork in one human and one physical location. We are planning to take all Year 10 Geography students to Lyme Regis in Dorset for their first physical fieldwork day. Students do not need to wear school uniform and should arrive at school at normal time and register as usual. We will return to school for around 4:00pm (dependent on traffic).

The majority of students will attend the trip on Friday 1 July, except for the GCSE Photography and Textiles students, who will be visiting Lyme Regis on Thursday 30 June.

The students will focus on the fieldwork enquiry process and will be required to collect a variety of individual and group data on the trip with the support of their teachers. The fieldwork enquiry process will be examined in their Paper 3 exam worth 30%.

Students need to bring with them:

- Packed lunch (there will be no time to buy food there).
- Good walking boots or good trainers and/or wellington boots.
- Wet weather clothing eg raincoat with a hood, trousers if possible (we will be outside all day).
- Layers (eg a jacket, jumper etc) to be prepared for warm/cold weather.
- Pens and pencils and a clipboard if they have one.
- Small rucksack to carry lunch and equipment.
- Cameras are suggested so that students can use photographs in their coursework as evidence but are the responsibility of individual students.

Careers: Mock interview morning

Organising teacher: Mrs J Corbett

On Thursday 30 June, students will take part in a mock interview morning unless participating in the geography field visit. Each student will have a 10-minute interview with an employer in the main hall followed by 5-minute feedback. The purpose of the morning is to give students an opportunity to experience an interview situation. This will help to prepare them for future interviews for college, jobs, apprenticeships etc.

All students who are in school are expected to participate. Students will have completed their CV during tutor time. They need to bring their CV to their interview. The mock interviews will be held during periods 1 and 2. Employers will decide on their "successful recruit" and a "highly recommended" student. Students will hear from the employers in the main hall for a presentation and feedback during Period 3.

Visit to Huish

Organising teacher: Mrs J Corbett

On Friday 1 July, students who are not participating in the geography and art trips will visit Richard Huish College for the college's Experience Day. Students will meet on the tennis courts at 8.20am for registration. Students will leave school at

8.30am and walk across town accompanied by members of staff for the start of the Huish Day at 9.15am. The experience day at Huish finishes at 2.00pm. Students will return to school accompanied by members of staff.

Students will choose from a selection of taster sessions. Students will be allocated 3 sessions to attend. Selection forms will be given to students during w/c 3 May.

Students do not have to wear school uniform. Students can either bring a packed lunch to eat in the college canteen or buy lunch at the college.

PSHE:

Organising teacher: Mr M Wilkins

Coppafeel

- How to increase testicular and breast cancer awareness, including self-examination (**Coppafeel/Oddballs**)

Body image lesson

- To make informed choices with regards to sleep, diet, exercise, work, revision and balancing time spent online. To recognise and manage choices about physical activity.
- Know the causes and triggers for unhealthy coping strategies, such as self-harm and eating disorders, and the need to seek help for themselves or others as soon as possible.
- Know how to recognise when they or others need help with their mental health and wellbeing; to explore and analyse ethical issues when peers need help; learn strategies and skills to provide basic support and identify and access the most appropriate sources of help

Diversity

Year 10 will look at the following aspects of diversity with LGBTQ+ as a focus:

- To understand the cultural history of the UK and how this has affected diversity today.
- To understand the diversity within our community and how it makes it stronger.
- To recognise the importance of promoting inclusion and challenge discrimination, and how to do so safely, including Online.
- To understand the difference between bias, prejudice and discrimination

MFL Speaking

Organising teacher: Mr S Floyd

Year 10 MFL speaking mock exams will take place for all students doing French, German, Spanish and Mandarin. At both foundation and higher level, students will have 3 tasks to complete: a role play, a photo description and a general conversation. We will practise these activities in class in the lead up to the exam. For the general conversation, students should prepare a presentation of around 30 seconds in advance on a topic of their choice. Students are given 12 minutes to prepare for the role play and photo description tasks based on cards that they are given on the day. The exam itself will be conducted with the usual class teacher and will last for 7-9 minutes at foundation tier and 10-12 minutes at higher tier.

GCSE Art Eden Trip - All GCSE Photographers and Textiles students

Organising teacher: Mrs E Summers

Cost: £25.00

Students will receive a separate letter with further details of this trip.