

Dear Parent/Carer

January 2022

Wednesday 23 March - Year 11 Fine Art Students Trip to The Pitt Rivers Museum and Natural History Museum, Oxford.

On Wednesday 23 March, Year 11 Fine Art Students will visit the Pitt Rivers Museum and Natural History Museum in Oxford. Students will get the chance to explore both of these museums during the day. There are a wide range of artefacts across both museums that will be an invaluable source of inspiration for the students and will be used as part of their coursework.

Students need to be in school uniform. They will need to bring sketchpads/pencils to draw and make notes, and cameras if they want to. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch and a drink as there will be no opportunity to buy food.

Students need to meet at Bridgwater and Taunton College bus layby ready to leave for 7.45am. We will return to school for approximately 6.00pm.

The cost of the trip is £23.50 which includes the cost of the coach journey, museum introductions and the use of the lunch rooms. 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 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.**

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.

This is one of our school Enrichment Days, details of activities for Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 March will be given to students in due course.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Summers, Head of Art