

May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 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**. 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 8 Students

Thursday 30 June		Friday 01 July	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
Year 8 Sports Leaders (PE)	Shakespeare in Stratford (English)	Shakespeare in Stratford (English)	Year 8 Sports Leaders (PE)

Year 8 Sports Leaders (PE)

Organising teacher: Mr R Jones

The aim of the day is for students to develop their knowledge on how to lead others and be able to put these skills into practice. The students will learn skills in communication, organisation of people, space and equipment. They will be required to plan, set up and deliver games and use key skills such as motivation, great communication skills and organisation. The students will then have time as a form to plan and deliver a sports day for the Year 6 students on their Induction Day in July.

Students will need:

- to wear PE kit and be prepared for all weathers, ie rainproof clothing, sun cream, sun hats etc
- to bring a water bottle.

Shakespeare in Stratford (English)

Organising teacher: Mrs N Whysall

Price: £31.00

As an English team, we are very excited to be taking Year 8 to Stratford-upon-Avon where students will spend a day learning more about William Shakespeare and life in Elizabethan England.

During the day, students will have a tour of Shakespeare's birthplace and learn about his day-to-day life. They will also have a visit to the Guildhall and experience a lesson from the era.

We will also look around Stratford, walk to the church where he is buried and look at Elizabethan architecture.

We really hope that you can see the benefit of this day. Shakespeare is an integral part of the syllabus at KS3 and GCSE so this will help students to grasp some of the influences on his writing.

Students will need to meet at the Bridgwater and Taunton College layby (SCAT) at 6.45am. We aim to return to school at approximately 7.00pm. We will travel to Stratford by coach.

Students will need:

- To wear school uniform but can wear comfy shoes
- a packed lunch and drink
- a pen.