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Year 7 History Trip to Warwick Castle

Dear Parents /Carers,

As part of your son's studies at The Bishop's Stortford High School, he will be undertaking an exciting History course examining a range of intriguing questions about the past. For much of the year, these focus on the Medieval World, from the Norman Conquest, through to castle design, events such as the murder of Thomas Becket, the signing of the Magna Carta and the devastation of the Black Death.

On Friday, 12 July 2019, there will be an opportunity for the boys to visit one of the best-preserved castles in England, and bring to life their learning about the Middle Ages. Pupils will find out about the history of the castle, from its origins as a wooden fort constructed by William the Conqueror in 1068, to its central role in the fifteenth century Wars of the Roses, with King Edward IV kept imprisoned within its very walls. They will also get to experience some of the castle's daily attractions, including archery and falconry demonstrations, along with the firing of the largest replica trebuchet in Europe. The boys' tickets will additionally include entry to the live Dungeon scare-show... featuring real-life actors!

On the day of the trip, students will need to be in school at 6.00am. Coaches will depart from the school at 6.15 a.m. and return at about 7.00 p.m. Further specific details regarding the logistics of the trip will be provided nearer to the scheduled date.

If you wish your son to attend, please complete the parental slip below and send/hand this in directly to Mrs Kitching (Trips Co-ordinator) in the Admin Office by Monday 04 February. In addition, please make payment of £35 via ParentPay, the school's preferred online payment method by the same date. (Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque if necessary). Any parent in financial difficulties is invited to apply in confidence to the Director of Finance. Dependent upon circumstances, the school may be able to assist with a contribution towards the cost. If there is insufficient interest your deposits will be returned.

The trip will undoubtedly help to enhance your son's understanding of the medieval world, and will be a hugely enjoyable day out in their final summer of Year 7. The History Department highly recommend this trip to our students, and our rationale for advertising it so early is to maximise the opportunity for boys to attend – it should truly be a highlight of their first year at TBSHS. However, the school reserves the right to withdraw any student from the trip who is suspended on the day of the visit or whose conduct during school indicates that they would curtail the safety and enjoyment of the trip for other pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Quinlan
Teacher of History

Reply Slip: To Trips Co-ordinator, Mrs Kitching, Admin Office, T-corridor by Monday 04 February, 2019.

YEAR 7 HISTORY TRIP TO WARWICK CASTLE

I give consent to my sontaking part in the day trip to Warwick Castle on 12 July, 2019.

I have paid £35 via ParentPay/ I enclose a voluntary contribution of £35 to secure a place on the trip.

My contact telephone number on the day will be:

Any relevant medical conditions:

Signed:.....Parent / Carer.

(Cheques should be payable to TBSHS, with pupil's name and form on reverse. Please do not staple your cheque)



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