

21 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Deep Learning Day: Year 7 Trip to Chepstow Castle
Wednesday 21 March 2017**

To support the History unit on Castles, the Humanities faculty is proposing to take Year 7 to Chepstow Castle - students will experience learning outside the classroom setting and will be able to gain a 'real' understanding of the unit they are studying.

Students will explore the castle with the help of an experienced guide, followed by a demonstration of archery in the castle grounds. The learning will focus on the site of the castle, defence, castle life and how castles change. During the visit, students will be encouraged to complete a research task.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday 21 March**, leaving Clyst Vale at **9.00am** and returning by **4.30pm**. **Therefore, for students who normally rely on school transport, parents/carers will need to make their own arrangements for collection from Clyst Vale.** Students will not need to wear uniform but must have sturdy shoes/trainers and a waterproof coat. Warm clothing is essential as we will be walking around the castle grounds whatever the weather and must be prepared for March conditions. I would suggest students bring a spare jumper. A packed lunch and drink will also be needed. They will not need any spending money - students will not be able to go to the gift shop.

We expect perfect behaviour from all our students. They will not be allowed to eat or drink anything on the coach but they will have time to eat their packed lunch at the castle.

We do not require payment for the trip if your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Please be aware that consent is assumed, based on the annual data collection/consent form completed. **If you do not wish your child to attend, please contact the College by Thursday 2 March 2017.**

If your information has changed since you last completed a data collection/consent form, please inform us of any changes by contacting your child's AtHoS with the relevant information:

Green School	01392 463913
Red School	01932 463910
Silver School	01392 463906
Yellow School	01392 463914

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact the Finance Office on 01392 463935.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs Padden
Head of History**