

21 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Deep Learning Day: Year 7 Trip to Chepstow Castle
Tuesday 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 of 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 are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£11.50** per student towards the cost of the trip. This includes the services of a professional guide, and coach transport to and from Chepstow. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the trip may not be able to go ahead.

If you would like your child to take part, please **make payment by Thursday 2 March 2017**, as detailed below:

Payment can be made online through the Schoolcomms online payment system – www.schoolgateway.com This can be accessed via the Clyst Vale website at <http://www.clystvale.org/parents/online-payment>

If your information has changed since you last completed a data collection/consent form, please contact your child's AtHoS in order to update our systems.

If you have any difficulties with regards to making this payment or providing consent, please contact the Finance Office on 01392 463935 who will endeavour to help.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs Padden
Head of History**