

May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 7 Curriculum Enrichment Days  
Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment Days on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June, 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.**

Please read through the information carefully and complete the relevant form(s) attached, which should be returned to the Finance Office at the school, **by Friday 12 May.**

In order to finance these 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 trips. As the school receives a grant for students currently on free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant; however, a completed consent form is still required. If you have any queries on the funding of this trip, please contact the school's Finance Office.

Unless stated otherwise, all activities will be leaving and returning within the normal school day.

An EV5 external visit consent form is attached and this will cover all activities off-site. **Please ensure this is completed and returned with the permission slips.** If this form is not returned, your child will not be able to go on the trip. Please would you direct any further enquiries to the named teacher who is organising the trip.

**The trip to Chepstow is non-uniform. In-school PSHE and Finance Rocket Challenge are normal school uniform.**

Yours sincerely



**Mrs F Gormley**  
Deputy Headteacher

## Year 7 students

Tuesday 27 June		Wednesday 28 June	
GOM Houses	RBY Houses	GOM Houses	RBY Houses
Chepstow Castle Visit	In-school PSHE and Finance Rocket Challenge	In-school PSHE and Finance Rocket Challenge	Chepstow Castle Visit

**Costs:** **Chepstow Castle: £12.00**  
**No cost for in-school PSHE and Finance Rocket Challenge**

### Important trip information

#### **Visit to Chepstow**

Organising teacher: **Miss N Murnin**

As part of the Year 7 History course, we will be studying Medieval society and more specifically, the development of castles and fortifications. This visit will be an excellent opportunity for our students in Year 7 to experience these developments for themselves. Students will go on a tour of the castle, take part in designing strategies for defending and attacking fortifications, and be enthralled by our Medieval re-enactor, archer and fletcher.

With the recent changes to GCSE History, Year 7s who choose to study History at GCSE in Year 10 and 11 will get an opportunity to study Chepstow in much greater detail as part of their course. Therefore this exciting enrichment activity provides an excellent base for future GCSE studies.

We advise all students to wear home clothes and sensible shoes or trainers or they will be banned from walking around the castle; students need to be prepared for all weathers as the area is very exposed, ie rainproof clothing, sun cream, sun hats etc. All students will need to bring a packed lunch and a pen and pencil. They will need at least two bottles of water - no food/drink is available to buy.

We will register as normal and will travel to Chepstow by coach. The journey should be relatively short, lasting approximately 1 hour 15 minutes each way. We will depart from school at approximately 9.00 am and return just before the end of school, at 3.30 pm.

#### **In-school PSHE and Finance Rocket Challenge**

Organising teacher: **Mrs I Sully**

### **Economic understanding: the function of money and personal budgeting (continuing into Finance Rocket challenge).**

Aim of the session:

To understand the function and role of money in different contexts and to understand the concepts of spending and saving, including a simple budget.

#### **Objectives: To Learn:**

- About how personal financial decisions have consequences that affect us and others;
- To develop a long-term view of handling money;
- About budgeting and using careful budgeting to achieve financial goals.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Recognise that short term financial decisions can have long term consequences that affect them and others;
- Explain the relative benefits of saving and spending money in everyday situations;
- Set up a personal budget.

After the above session on budgeting, Year 7 will be taking part in a STEM project themed around the Bloodhound World Land Speed Record Attempt. They will be designing, constructing and testing an air powered car in teams. Their finished project will be raced and a winning team will be chosen based upon all aspects of the day.

**CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT DAYS – 27 and 28 June 2017**

**CONSENT FORMS**

Could you please fill out and sign the consent forms and return them to the Main Office with payment **by Friday 12 May 2017**. **There is no form or cost for PSHE as it is an in-school activity.**

**Visit – Chepstow Castle**

I would like my son/daughter ..... (student's name and form) to participate in the Year 7 activity, Chepstow Castle. As parent/carer, I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it.

As parent/carer I would be willing/unwilling\* to make a voluntary contribution of £12.00 to cover the cost of the trip. I enclose cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School); I have paid online or by credit/debit card\*. (\*Please delete as applicable).

I am currently receiving Free School Meals.

a) except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as for students in educational establishments, ie, that the Academy can only insure against the proven negligence by the Academy and/or its employees; and

b) The Academy purchases travel insurance through Chubb Insurance which provides personal accident cover (see copy of the policy on the school website for details) but I may consider taking out my own travel insurance to supplement this if appropriate.

Emergency telephone number should we need to contact you **(essential)** .....

Signed .....(Parent/Carer) Date .....