



September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Visit to the Forest of Dean**

The Humanities Faculty are organising a field trip to the Forest of Dean in June 2018. The three-day residential visit offers an excellent opportunity to reinforce learning in both history and geography.

The trip will depart from Brockington College at 9am on Monday 25 June 2018 and return at approximately 2 pm on Wednesday 27 June 2018.

We shall be staying in St Briavels Castle, which was built by King John and is now run by the Youth Hostels' Association. Pupils will experience what it was like to live in a castle and will also be able to explore the castle and its grounds in detail. During the trip, we will also visit Chepstow Castle, Dean Heritage Centre, Symonds Yat and go underground to explore an old iron mine at Clearwell Caves. There will be a medieval feast on the Tuesday night, and staff and students will be wearing medieval costumes brought by pupils themselves. We will try our skills in archery and later we will play a murder mystery game involving characters who might have lived in the castle 800 years ago. The Rivers Wye and Severn flow through the area and we will also study how a river shapes its valley. The trip has run previously on many occasions and has always been a great success.

We would very much like this visit to take place. However, the visit is an "optional extra" under the 1996 Education Act and the school is allowed to make a charge in full. The cost of the trip will be **£135**, which includes travel, accommodation and all meals, except for lunch on the first day; this will require a packed lunch. If there are not sufficient pupils to make the trip viable, then the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be given. We must make it very clear that no funds whatsoever exist for this activity. However, parents of children who are in receipt of free school meals are entitled to 'Opportunity Funding' to cover the cost of the trip.

As everything is included in the cost of the trip, the maximum amount of spending money that we recommend your child should take on this trip is £10. This should be kept by your child throughout the trip and they will be responsible for this money.

If the trip is over-subscribed, priority will be given to students who have demonstrated positive behaviour and have good attendance records and these names will be picked at random.

If your child is interested in going on the trip, please complete the reply slip below, including your emergency contact details and return it in a sealed envelope, labelled with the title of the trip by Friday 13 October 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Liquorish  
Trip Leader

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To **Mrs S Liquorish via Main Office by Friday 13 October 2017. Forest of Dean Trip – June 2018**

I would like my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ of form \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the above visit.

I confirm I will pay the balance in full via ParentPay by the due date

Or

I confirm I have submitted an 'Opportunity Funding' application form.

Name of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact number (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(By the adult with legal responsibility for the young person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

