April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The history department has arranged for all Year 7 students to visit Skipton Castle as part of their study of Medieval England.

Over 900 years old, Skipton Castle is one of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles in England and is well worth a visit at any season of the year. As part of the visit, students will enjoy a tour exploring every corner of this splendidly preserved medieval castle, which withstood a three-year siege during the Civil War. They will also find out about the individuals and events that have shaped the castle from Norman times to the present day.

**Students in 7-2, 7-3, 7-4 and 7-5 will visit the castle on Monday June 16 while those in 7-1, 7-6 and 7-7 will visit on Friday June 27.**

The cost of the trip is £27.00 which includes entrance fee, tour guide and transport cost and a contribution of that amount would be appreciated. We wish to make it clear that if the visit takes place, no pupil will be denied participation on the grounds that no contribution has been made on their behalf. However, please be aware, if insufficient contributions are made we will be unable to proceed with the trip. Payment for this trip should be made by Evolve Pay using your child’s ID and password. If you do not have this information, please contact school and you will be provided with these details. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, the cost of this trip will be covered by the school.

**We will be leaving school at 8:00 am and will return at approximately 4:00 pm. Given that this is after 3:30 pm you will need to ensure that the necessary arrangements for your child to get home are in place.**

All trip consents and payments should be received by Monday May 19.

The pupils will need to dress sensibly for the visit. They may need a waterproof coat, and an umbrella in case it is wet. Sensible outdoor shoes must be worn as we will have to walk along some fields to access parts of the castle. Flip flops or ballet style pumps are not suitable. Pupils should bring a packed lunch and a room will be provided where they can eat it; there is a restaurant, but it is expensive, and not large enough to cater for such a big group.

The school acknowledges the importance of trips and outdoor activities in providing stimulating experiences and the development of all pupils. We advise all parents to read the Educational Visits and Outdoor Activities Parents / Carers policy, which is available on the website. If you would like a hard copy of this policy, please contact reception. We wish to make it clear that by giving permission for your child to participate in this trip, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions set out in the policy.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr H Dickson

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