

24 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 GCSE History Cardiff Castle visit – Wednesday 21st February 2024

A crucial aspect of the GCSE course is the Historic Environment aspect of the Normans unit, the focus of which changes annually. Happily, this year it is “Wales and the Norman Conquest”, which gives us the exciting opportunity to visit one of the sites named in the pre-release material – Cardiff Castle. We will have a guided tour of the site, with a specific focus on the Norman features such as the Motte and Bailey which will allow students to have a better understanding of Norman castles and how they controlled areas of Britain. We also take full advantage of the visit by taking part in a workshop on medieval medicine, looking at medieval treatments and surgery. This will help support the students in their understanding of the Britain: Health and the People unit.

IT would be a full day visit with students leaving from school at **8am** and arriving back at school at **3pm** in time for the buses. **Students would need to make sure they arrive by 7:40am** at the latest so that depart promptly to get to the castle in good time. We will not be able to wait for latecomers. **Students will also be expected to wear school uniform and will not be allowed on the visit if they do not arrive in appropriate clothing. Students will also need a coat appropriate for the weather forecast (it will be the middle of February).** Students need to bring a packed lunch (students in receipt of Free School Meals will have a lunch provided for them) and may bring some money with them if they wish to purchase anything from the Gift Shop.

The cost of the visit is £17.80 and this includes the tour, workshop and travel to the castle, paid for on Parent Pay. See below. Students in receipt of Free School Meals do not need to pay. If you would have difficulties in affording the trip, please contact the Finance dept at admin@gvsc.org.uk as they may be able to put a payment plan in place.

Please note that poor behaviour and/or poor attendance prior to the event may prevent your child from going on the trip and in which case no monies paid will be refunded. We also expect high standards of good behaviour whilst on the trip – Fairfield students do not usually disappoint us in this regard.

NEXT STEPS: If you would like your child to take part in this visit then please:

1. Give permission by filling out the secure online Google Form via the link: <https://forms.gle/aF6TRUmzE9id9QWJ6>
2. Complete payment on Parent Pay by Thursday 21st December 2023.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact Mr Giggle via admin@gvsc.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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