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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 8 ACTIVITY DAY VISIT TO WADDESDON MANOR - THURSDAY 3 JULY (24-ZADY8)

On Thursday 3 July, your daughter will be participating in the **Year 8 Activity Day at Waddesdon Manor**. The theme of the visit, '**Humanities in Action**,' will involve students exploring the estate's artifacts and history through interactive activities designed by the Waddesdon Learning department. They'll engage in a carousel of engaging activities, meet knowledgeable specialists, uncover fascinating historical details, handle artifacts, explore the architecture and grounds, and practice essential humanities skills.

We're thrilled to add this trip to our programme of Activity Days, offering students the unique opportunity to visit and collaborate with the learning department at Waddesdon Manor. It's a well-known, historically significant local landmark, and we're especially pleased it has ties to one of our school houses.

Students will be departing from school by coach at 9:00am after registration on Thursday 3 July and returning to school by 3.15pm in order to be back in time for the normal end of the school day and for any students catching school buses. Ten members of staff will accompany the group. Students will need to attend school in school uniform and with a packed lunch and water bottle. Any students in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from the dining hall in the morning.

As this visit will take place in school time we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£13.50** to cover the costs. Please pay via ParentMail by **Monday 1 July**. If you are unable to find the payment item on your homepage in ParentMail you can search for the item in your shop page. To double check whether you have made a payment for this trip, go to Parent Mail, select 'Payments' on the left hand side and 'History' at the bottom of the screen. If there are insufficient contributions, this trip will not be able to run. This voluntary contribution is non-refundable unless for cancellation due to medical reasons, confirmed by a doctor.

If your daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, the school will cover the cost of any trips or the activity held on our activity day in July. This does not include Service Children. [Please fill in this form to enable the school to cover these costs on your behalf](#) (students eligible for Pupil premium funding only).

We would not want anyone to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances. If you would like to apply for financial support for this trip (whether or not your daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding), please complete the confidential 'Request for Financial Assistance' form accessed via the [Trips and Visits](#) section of the website by Friday 27 June. Please use reference 24 - ZADY8.

Consent and Medical Details

Ticking the relevant box when making payment in ParentMail constitutes consent to this activity. Please note that the student medical information and your contact details that we hold on record will be used for the trip, so if anything has changed since you last updated us, please email the changes to your daughter's Pastoral Support Assistant.

All medication brought on trips should be accompanied by the trip [medication form](#), which should be completed and emailed to Matron before the trip. Medicines must be handed in to the trip leader in their original packaging with the information leaflet and the dispensing label attached.

As with all trips we want students and staff to have an enjoyable experience. If either you or the school have any concerns about your daughter's ability to participate then it is vital that we discuss at an early stage how the school can appropriately support her and ensure the trip is suitable for her.

Information regarding trips and visits including the code of conduct, insurance arrangements and voluntary contributions can be found on the school website in the '[Trips and Visits](#)' section.

We hope that your daughter will gain a great deal from the day, not only by exploring the Waddesdon estate, but also by experiencing the skills and knowledge gained in the Humanities.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do contact me at the school, either directly or through your daughter.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Pitchers
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