

6 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Year 7 Trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle and Toy Museum

As part of the Key Stage 3 history course, **fieldwork and research** allows pupils to see 'concrete examples' of topics they have been studying. This trip will allow students to examine the Mountfitchet Castle site within its' historical environment and review and build on learning undertaken in lessons. Pupils will analyse how the site has changed over time, as well as assessing the usefulness of different features of the site. These are key historical skills needed in both KS3 and GCSE History. Some students may have visited the castle site before on family visits but we believe they will still benefit from looking at the site again in depth and from the expertise of their teachers. We are pleased to offer all Year 7 History students the opportunity to visit and analyse Stansted Mountfitchet Castle and Toy Museum on **Monday 4 July or Tuesday the 5 July 2022**.

The students will travel to the castle on Anita's coaches and nine members of staff will accompany each group. Students should attend in **clothes suitable for outside conditions**. If the weather is hot, students will need to apply sunscreen.

The fieldwork will take place within normal school hours and all students should attend morning registration as normal. The year group is split between the two days, and students will attend on Monday or Tuesday subject to final numbers (see the table below to see which session your child's form group will probably attend). If there are insufficient numbers, we will notify you of any changes to the days of the trip. Students will receive specific details regarding timings for the day, and lunch arrangements in their History lessons prior to the visit.

| Monday Visit     | Tuesday Visit    |
|------------------|------------------|
| 7RNN             | 7ARE             |
| 7NDE             | 7CHT             |
| 7JJO             | 7MGN             |
| 7JMC             | 7RES             |
| 7MLY Surname A-H | 7MLY Surname K-W |

The cost of the day including transport, entry and insurance is £17.50. Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the day including plenty of water and may wish to bring a small amount of pocket money for the gift shop should they want a memento of the visit.

*Payment should be made using Parentpay on or before **Monday 20 June 2022***. If your son/daughter is currently in receipt of Free School Meals, the cost of the trip will be met in full by the school. You just need to e-mail [jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk](mailto:jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk) to reserve your place.

Yours sincerely,

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