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Dear Parent /Carer

The History Department plan to take the Year 10 GCSE History students to Kenilworth Castle in July as part of the examined Castle Form and Function module. This unit investigates a different historic environment each year and the site study set by the OCR examination board for 2019 is Kenilworth Castle. It is not a requirement by the exam board to visit the site but it certainly will assist the students' understanding of the castle and its development over time.

As part of the trip the students will get a guided tour of the site by English Heritage staff. In these expert-led sessions, the students will learn about various aspects of castle life, battle tactics, and the site's development from a Norman keep and medieval fortress into an Elizabethan palace.

The students will visit the castle on the following dates according to their History class:

Monday 2nd July – 10B Mrs Bullock's class and 10D Miss Bennett's class

Thursday 5th July – 10A Miss Rockall's class and 10C Mrs Evans' class

Students will need to arrive at school at normal time and register with their History teachers in the canteen at 8.35 am, our departure will be swift from school to allow us the maximum time at the castle. Students should dress in appropriate clothing, taking into account that they will be on their feet for the majority of the day and that much of the activities will take place outside so should dress appropriately for the weather. Students may wish to bring a small amount of money as there will be an opportunity to visit the castle's gift shop. **It is essential that students bring a packed lunch due to the time constraints of the day and there will not be an opportunity to purchase food at the castle.**

We will arrive back at school by the end of the school day in time for the students to make their way home as usual.

The total cost of the trip is a voluntary contribution of £12.50 which covers the students' transport to Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire and the English Heritage led guide to the site.

Should you wish your son / daughter to take up this opportunity please complete the slip attached, filling in any relevant medical and contact information. Please note that it is a double-sided form. The payment of £12.50 can be made by Parentpay and the reply slip should be returned to Mrs Bullock via your child's History teacher by Friday 15th June.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Bullock
History Department