



27th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 Visit to Durham Cathedral

We are pleased to tell you that we have arranged a day visit to Durham Cathedral for all of our year sevens. This is so they can come to know and understand this magnificent building, and learn a little more about its construction, history, setting, art and symbolism. We hope that this will enhance their understanding when we return in December for our school carol service. The day will include a visit to 'Open Treasure', including the opportunity to see the Treasures of St Cuthbert.

We have organised the visits on three days.

1. Pupils will go in form groups:
7J, 7C, and 7S on WEDNESDAY 9th October;
7H, 7A, and 7M on THURSDAY 10th October;
7D, 7U, and 7R on FRIDAY 11th October.
2. They will register in the Activity Studio at 0830, and then we will walk to Palace Green.
3. Once there, they will participate in a carousel of activities run by Art, History and Geography.
4. **Students will need to bring a packed lunch, which they will have to carry with them all day. Please note that we will be eating in the Cloisters. Children entitled to a free school meal will be given a packed lunch at school to carry.**
5. Full school uniform must be worn. It would be sensible to wear a school jumper or cardigan (grey and v-necked) as it may well be cold.
6. Children should wear coats, both to keep them warm while walking and because some activities will take place outside. Please note that hoodies are not suitable for this purpose. Shoes should be appropriate for walking this distance and also comply with the school uniform policy.
7. They need to have a pen and a pencil with them.
8. There is no need for them to bring any spending money.
9. We will walk back to school in time for them to catch the normal school buses or be dismissed from school. Owing to the logistics of the trip, we regret that children may not be dismissed from the cathedral or route back.

We hope that you agree that our young people should be made familiar with the World Heritage Site, and that the chance to get to know Britain's Favourite Building is a valuable one! We are very pleased to have been able to arrange it.

As you will appreciate, this trip is not without cost; the cathedral charges per pupil for educational visits. Please could you provide the usual voluntary contribution of **£5** to help cover the cost of the visit? This should be placed in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, form, and 'Cathedral visit' and handed in to Reception. Please note that Reception staff are unable to give change.

If you have any concerns about any of these arrangements, please contact Miss McKenzie in the History department or through the school email address.

Yours faithfully,

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