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Dear Parent / Carer

The Geography and History departments are organising a fun, engaging field trip in Windsor for the Year 7 cohort on **Thursday 26th March 2026**. The plan for the day is to leave Great Marlow School by coach at **9 am** and return to school around **4 pm**. This will mean **students may need to be collected from school by parents / carers if they would normally use the school bus**.

The aim of this trip is to develop key skills and knowledge in Geography and History. We want to provide students with an opportunity to experience a traditional fieldtrip which will help support their current learning and aid their future learning. This trip is not compulsory but should be a brilliant experience for our year 7 students. Students who do not attend the trip will be expected to attend school as normal.

On the History side of the trip, the students will participate in an activity at Windsor castle (tour and classroom lesson) which links to the modules they will be studying and to the castle building competition. Students will be monitored by their History teachers throughout the whole activity. During the trip, students will also carry out several geographical investigations to assess *whether the global status of Windsor only has positive outcomes for the town*. All the investigations will be explained and monitored by the Geography Department, but students will independently carry out the work. However, they will be with a member of staff for the entirety of the trip. This work will consist of environmental quality surveys, land use mapping and pedestrian counts as well as other investigation methods. This trip is a great opportunity for students to experience what they have learned in the classroom outside in the real world.

The students will not be in school uniform but will need to dress appropriately for March weather: **warm clothing, and suitable footwear** for walking on paths. Due to the time of year, the students may also want to bring **waterproofs** or an alternative, as part of the fieldtrip will be outside in the elements. Students will need to bring their own **packed lunches** with them as well as a **pencil case and plenty of water**.

In order to finance this trip, we are asking parents / carers for a voluntary contribution of **£18**. There is no obligation to pay and no student will be treated differently should their parent / carer be unable or unwilling to. Unfortunately, however, if there are insufficient contributions, the trip will not be able to go ahead.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please log on to WisePay to pay any voluntary contribution and also to complete the compulsory MS Consent Form by Friday 6th February 2026.

This deadline is not flexible and we ask for your support in respecting that. We will not be adding students to the trip after this deadline date.

The History and Geography Department look forward to giving your son / daughter the opportunity to experience learning outside of the classroom. Whilst in Windsor, we expect the students to behave as they would in school and sanctions will follow for any students not doing this. They need to show respect for members of the public and the environment around them and carry out the activities with enthusiasm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email address, cgriffith@gms.bucks.sch.uk.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Griffith
Teacher of History