

1st November 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 7 Visit: Cirencester Town Centre

Tuesday 29th November 2011 - 7Li, 7Du

Monday 5th December 2011 - 7Fr, 7De, 7Je

Tuesday 6th December 2011 - 7Ni, 7Tu

The Humanities Faculty is able to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to be part of an innovative project which links the fieldwork of Geography, History and Global Citizenship.

We would like to offer all Year 7 pupils the chance to examine more of our local history and surroundings as well as practice their investigation skills. The aim is for participating pupils to carry out research into the typicality of Cirencester town centre and investigate whether Cirencester has lost its Roman Heritage.

The trip we have organised will support the current work on *Our Place in the World* and *The Movement & Settlement of People*. It will develop important geographical data collection skills as well as engage pupils in local historical sites, helping them appreciate the relevance of the past in their own lives. This in turn will link into work they will continue in their Global Citizenship classes.

We have kept the costs to a minimum; we will be walking into town and this will therefore avoid any travel costs, but we would like to ask for a contribution of £3.00 to cover the cost of being at the museum. Cash/Cheques (payable to Cirencester Deer Park School) together with the permission slip should be taken to Mrs Testar in the Finance Office by **Thursday 24th November**. Payment can also be made by bank credit to Cirencester Deer Park School Trips A/C, Lloyds TSB Bank, sort code no. 30-92-06 account no. 02456468. **If making an inter-bank transfer it is essential that the name of the pupil and trip are given to the bank and the reply slip is taken to the Finance Office.**

Since the pupils will be carrying out their enquiries across the town they will be **unsupervised at some points during the day**. I should point out that safety is paramount and pupils must **stay in groups no smaller than four**. The pupils will be escorted down to the town, and staff will be located at key points. Pupils will also be given the emergency contact number of the Lead Teacher on the trip.

Pupils will need sensible clothing which is appropriate for the weather forecasted at the time and will in particular need good footwear for walking. They will need a packed lunch but I would advise that they bring minimal cash to spend; there will be no opportunities to shop. Pupils are welcome to bring in technology to help them photograph their town trip, but they do so at their own risk. Due to Health and Safety issues iPods are not appropriate.

To enable us to reach the town centre in good time, we must leave school promptly by 9am and will be back by 3.25pm.

Please return the permission slip below to Mrs Testar (Finance office) by no later than Thursday 24th November 2011.

I believe this to be an excellent fieldwork experience and thank you in anticipation for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss R. Lillington
Teacher in charge of Geography

Miss H. Dovey
History Teacher

Reply slip to be returned to Mrs Testar in Finance Office by Thursday 24th November 2011

Name Tutor Group

◆ I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the visit to Cirencester on:

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(delete as appropriate).

◆ Please note any medical conditions which we need to be aware of and an emergency contact number

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Emergency contact number(s)

NameNumber

Signed