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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 trip to Thorpe Park – Thursday 3rd October 2024

I am delighted to announce a forthcoming trip to Thorpe Park for Year 11 (current Year 10) students on Thursday 3rd October 2024.

We appreciate that the class of 2025 has been hit hard by COVID restrictions, meaning their experiences throughout their secondary education have been affected. They have missed out on several trips and visits over their time with us and therefore the amount of cultural capital experiences they've received has been minimal. This organised trip is an opportunity for students to socialise with peers in their year group and explore a new and exciting environment. It is also a reward for all of the hard work they've put in during their GCSE courses so far, and for coping with all of the demands of remote learning. We wouldn't normally allow Year 11 out for the day at this time of year, but considering recent circumstances we believe that this special treat is much needed.

As was announced before half term, between Tuesday 4th June and Wednesday 24th July, the following criteria must be adhered to in order to secure a place on this trip:

- At least 90% attendance
- No internal truancy
- No more than 3 occasions in the re-set room
- No fixed term suspensions
- No time spent in the Redworth centre
- Not in the bottom 5% for behaviour points
- No more than one lateness a week, for AM registration

Whilst at Thorpe Park the students will have access to most of the main attractions at the park. We will travel to Thorpe Park by coach. Students will be allowed to wear non-uniform. SPF protection is also advised (weather dependent). Please ensure that the students are wearing **appropriate clothing** to represent the school, with no revealing attire or rude slogans. If anybody does arrive in inappropriate clothing, they will be sent home to change or if there is no time, they will be removed from the trip.

Students will be permitted to use their mobile phones on the trip, however students must remember to act maturely and responsibly. No photos must be taken of staff, and no photos of students must be taken without their consent.

Pupils will have to bring their own lunch and spending money if they wish to buy refreshments or souvenirs. Those on Free School Meals will have lunch supplied. If you're interested in your child participating in this school outing, the fee needs to be paid on Parent Pay.



The school budget cannot fund the whole cost of the activity and we are therefore inviting parents to make a payment of £35 per child to cover the cost of the coach and admission. This will include access to all of the main attractions at Thorpe Park. Students in receipt of Free School Meals may make a payment of £17.50.

By using ParentPay to pay for this trip you automatically give consent for your child to attend, therefore we have not included a reply or consent slip with this letter. **The payment deadline is Friday 20th September 2024.** After this date you will not be able to pay for the trip and your child will not be able to attend. If a significant number of parents are unwilling or unable to pay, the activity will be cancelled to prevent the school incurring financial loss. However, the school would not wish to exclude any child from taking part on the grounds of financial hardship. If you cannot afford to make payment this time, please write to The School Business Manager, Mrs J Wakeham, in confidence with a brief explanation of your circumstances.

Please note that once places have been confirmed, payments will be non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

Please could all students ensure that they are in school as normal for tutor at 8.30am. We will depart from School at 9am aiming to arrive at Thorpe Park for 10.30am, where the students will be enjoying the grounds, rides and experiences. We are aiming to be back at school for 5:30pm.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for The Stonehenge School records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. If your child is either asthmatic or anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

Students must understand that their behaviour around school and in lessons will be taken into account when deciding if they are suitable for the trip; we will be following the criteria set out in this letter and will inform you separately if your child will no longer be going.

We hope that you will support this exciting opportunity for your child.

Should you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Blake
Assistant Headteacher

