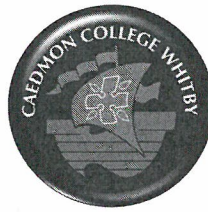


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25 April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may know, students doing GCSE History have to complete a controlled assessment as part of their work towards their GCSE grade. This assessment contributes 25% towards their final grade and will be completed between April and July 2016.

One of the requirements of the controlled assessment is that the task is based on the idea of "History Around Us" and students need to carry out field work at a local historical site to help with this. We have decided to use Helmsley castle and to examine how this site has been influenced over time by national developments. The dates for visiting the castle will be as follows:

- For students in 10D this activity will take place on Tuesday 7 June
- For students in 10F this activity will take place on Wednesday 8 June
- For students in 10A this activity will take place on Thursday 9 June
- For students in 10C this activity will take place on Friday 10 June.

To save time and minimise disruption to lessons, your son/daughter will only be out of College for the morning and will be transported to and from Helmsley castle in the College minibus. We will be leaving at 9.00am and will return to College by 12.30pm.

Students will need to wear their normal College uniform and should also be sensibly equipped in terms of coats and footwear for outdoor work and the possibility either of a sunny day or wet weather. Sun cream and sun glasses may be required, as may waterproof coats. There is very little shelter once on site to complete our surveys and note taking.

While at the castle, the students will be supervised by a member of the history department staff in small groups and will be expected to work hard, completing work sheets, filling in diagrams and making notes. All the work that they do will be directly relevant to the completion of the controlled assessment and the write-up phase. This will take place in the four weeks immediately after the site visit and it is imperative that your son or daughter treats this work seriously and does not miss the chance to secure a very good grade at this stage.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Whelan
Head of History

REPLY SLIP – To be returned to the Main Office at either break or lunch time by Friday 6 May 2016

Helmsley Castle Trip – FAO Mr A Whelan

Student's name: _____ Tutor group: _____

I hereby confirm that I understand the arrangements for the educational visit outlined above and give my informed consent to my son/daughter taking part. I also agree to my son/daughter having Remote Supervision when out of sight of College staff. This means there may be times when students are not in the direct site of staff but they will know how to contact a member of staff if necessary. I also confirm that I will be responsible for collecting my son/daughter from the visit in extreme cases, such as if illness or unacceptable behaviour occurs.

In case of any emergency, the telephone number that staff should use to contact me is:

Tel: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

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