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5 June 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Visit to Alnwick Castle and Gardens -Y10

We are planning a visit to Alnwick Castle and Alnwick Garden on Friday 11th July 2025. This visit is for Year 10 pupils who are studying Business, IT, Computer Science or Health and Social Care and the visit has been tailored to meet the needs of pupils studying these subjects. This visit will allow pupils to apply the knowledge they have developed in the classroom to two local businesses and will be an excellent opportunity for pupils to see how their learning fits into running and organising these local businesses.

Pupils should come to school at the normal time. It is anticipated that we will return to school around 3.00pm therefore pupils who travel by school bus will still be able to travel home as normal. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform, however, they will be representing the school, so must be dressed appropriately for the visit and wear suitable clothing for being outside for the majority of the day. Suitable footwear should also be worn as they will be walking around the castle and garden. It is recommended that pupils bring a packed lunch due to the cost of food and drink, and the likelihood of long queues at the cafe. Refreshments will be available to purchase at the Alnwick Garden cafe, therefore, if your child wishes to buy food and drink from the cafe, please ensure that they have sufficient money with them to do so. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and would like the school to provide one, please let reception know by Monday 1st of July. In addition to this, pupils should also bring something to drink and if they wish, they are welcome to bring snacks which they can consume throughout the day. We would also strongly recommend that pupils bring sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun, as we will be spending a large proportion of the day outside.

The total cost of the trip is £15, which covers entrance fees to both Alnwick Castle and Alnwick Gardens. The school will pay a significant proportion of the transport cost, which has reduced the cost of the visit. If you wish your child to attend, please give your consent and make payment through the My Child at School app by Monday 30th June. If there are any financial difficulties with paying for the visit, please contact the school. Please note that spaces on the visit are limited, so will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours faithfully

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