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Dear Parent / Carer,

TRIP444 Cromford Mills and Geography Field Work

The Humanities faculty will be holding a Year 8 trip to Cromford Mills and the surrounding area to support students' understanding of the past as well as to provide students with an opportunity to participate in geography fieldwork. The faculty hopes that, by holding a trip which supports students in History and Geography on the same day, we can minimise disruption to students' learning. We are delighted to be holding a trip to Cromford and the surrounding area on the 22nd and 23rd January. The year group will be taken over the course of two days as outlined below:

Monday 22nd January: 8E, 8N, 8U, 8S

Tuesday 23rd January: 8B, 8C, 8R, 8L

As part of the Key Stage Three History Curriculum, we must explore how the topics we cover in lessons have a local impact as well as how local developments have informed the course of world history. There are few better sites to demonstrate the global impact of local events of the course of history than Cromford Mills. During the visit, students will be given a guided tour of the site and participate in a workshop which outlines the work done at the mill.

The intention of the geography fieldwork is to assess the nature and impact that tourism has had on the area. To answer this key question, a variety of geographical data collection techniques and skills will be conducted around the village. The data collected will be analysed back in the classroom and will form the basis of an assessed piece of work in the Spring Term.

We hope to offer the trip to the entire cohort of Year 8 students, but a swift response will be very helpful in organising staffing for the trip.

A packed lunch is required as we will be out all day and though there is opportunity to buy food at the site it is a normal trading day for the Museum and so they have said they will be unable to cover all students. We also ask that students come prepared for fieldwork with a pencil case, paper and something to lean on in order to take notes. Students will be outside for much of the trip and so require sensible footwear and a waterproof coat. School uniform is required on the trip.

The coaches will **leave** school at **9:15am** and should **return** in time for the buses home (approximately **3.30pm**).

The trip relies on each parent making a contribution of **£21.50** to cover coach hire and entry fee by **1 December 2023**

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we can ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £21.50 towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we shall not be able to run the trip out of school funds. However, the school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties and if you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please discuss this with me in the first instance and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

In the event of your child not being able to take part in this trip, every effort will be made to find a replacement. If this is not possible then we regret that any monies already paid will not be refundable.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs, refunds are given for sums of over £5.00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will hence revert to the School fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

In the interests of legality and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances will face a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. When paying for the trip via ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

We are aware that students may wish to take mobile phones, iPods, cameras and other small valuable items of equipment with them. Should they do so, the items will be the student's responsibility and will be taken at their own risk. Accompanying staff cannot accept any responsibility for such items.

Payment for this trip should be made online via the ParentPay system by **01 December 2023**. When payment is made using ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip and agree to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

However, if you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete the reply slip (below) to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode. This will enable you to pay by cash at any local store participating in the PayPoint method. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to the conditions stated herein.

Yours faithfully



Mr J. Cuthbert
Head of Humanities

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Payment and permission for this trip should be made via Parent Pay on the school website.

Only complete this reply slip if you wish to pay via PayPoint in your local shop instead.

Please return to Mr Cuthbert

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Student Name: Form:

Please issue/email me a barcoded letter to enable me to pay £21.50 PayPoint by 1 December 2023.

Email

Pupil Premium funding request

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

Signature: _____

Parent/Carer