

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Wednesday 14th January 2015 the History, Physical Education and Mathematics Departments are organising a cross-curricular day. The day will be based around a theme of problem solving and conflict and will include a visit to Baggeridge Country Park in South Staffordshire. There is no charge to parents/carers for this trip, it is free to all pupils.

The conflict theme is part of the year 7 History curriculum and coincides with recent centenary of the 1st World War. The aim of this visit is to enhance and develop the pupils' knowledge, understanding and their use of problem solving skills in an unfamiliar environment. We think that this day trip will be of great benefit to our Year 7 students, giving them the opportunity to learn inside and outside of the classroom.

Students will be working in teams around the park and will be walking between checkpoints without direct contact with a teacher. The countryside will always hold inherent risks and the chosen trails and areas of the park have been picked to minimise these risks. There are a number of water features in the park and all students will be strongly advised that areas away from designated paths or close to water features are strictly off limits and not part of the course.

On the day of the visit your child will need to wear uniform and bring a suitable set of outdoor clothes to change into. Baggeridge Country Park can be muddy and so we do suggest that they wear **sensible, practical, casual** clothes and walking shoes or trainers. We also suggest each pupil brings a water-proof coat and some water or suitable drink for the Baggeridge experience.

This visit will take place within normal school hours and pupils will be in school to take lunch in a normal manner.

Yours sincerely

D Lee

Head of Mathematics
