



17 November 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Year 13 Sociology Warwickshire Justice Centre visit – December 2023.

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to attend Warwickshire Justice Centre on Wednesday 6 December and Tuesday 12 December. Students from class 13C will attend on Wednesday 6th December and students from class 13A, on Tuesday 12 December. The visit will involve a tour of the Justice Centre, meeting with a judge and sitting in on crown and/or magistrates trials and sentencing. This will supplement their studies on Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance, punishment, patterns of crime and victims as well as overarching theories of Sociology.

The visit to the court itself is free but as we will be out over lunchtime, students will need to provide a packed lunch for themselves on the day, or bring sufficient money to purchase food locally at the court on the day.

As the students are effectively members of the public attending the courthouse to observe in the public gallery, student's bags may be searched as they enter the Justice Centre and any deodorant or perfume will need to be handed in at reception. Students may bring water or something to drink, but will be required to take a sip of it as they enter. Mobile phones should be switched off while they are in the courtroom. Students will receive further detailed instructions relating to their expected conduct in the courtroom on the day. One specific request from the Justice Centre is to ensure appropriate clothing is worn. This is in line with our own dress code policy, but students should be reminded of this in advance. This is to uphold the integrity of the court.

Students will be expected at school at the usual time of 8.45am and will be driven via minibus to the Warwickshire Justice Centre in Leamington Spa at 9am. Students will have a talk with the judge and will sit in on various trials (to be confirmed on the day). We will return to school at 2.15pm and students will leave school at the usual time of 3.15pm. It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance or any that has been published as coming with the visit covers such items.

Please consent via parentpay (www.parentpay.com) by Friday 1 December.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour prior to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly.

We hope the students enjoy the trip. Should you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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