



Friday 8 November

Dear Parent/ Carer

## **Year 13 Sociology Warwickshire Justice Centre visit – December 2024 and January 2025.**

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to attend Warwickshire Justice Centre on **Wednesday 18 December** and **Wednesday 8 January**. Students from **13D will attend on Wednesday 18 December** and students from **13B on Wednesday 8 January 2025**. 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 within 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 to the court on the day.

As the students are effectively members of the public attending the courthouse to observe in the public gallery, students should be advised that their 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/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.

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 could consent for the trip be completed on ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) by **Friday 29 November** at the latest. Unfortunately those students we do not get consent for will not be able to attend the trip.

Students may meet us at the Court (and leave from court at the end of the day) but consent from parents/carers will be required, also by Friday 29 November, via parentpay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)). Students will not be allowed to arrive or leave independently if written consent is not received by this time.

Ms Holland and Miss Howard will be accompanying any students leaving from school and they will be expected at school at the usual time of 8.30am. We will walk to the Justice Centre from school at 8.45am. Students will have a talk with the judge and will sit in on various trials and/or sentencing which will be confirmed on the day of each visit.

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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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