



Friday 26 June

Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 13 Sociology Warwickshire Justice Centre visit – October 2026

We are delighted to offer Sociology students the opportunity to attend the Warwickshire Justice Centre in Leamington Spa. 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. Students will be split into three equal sized groups to meet the Court's stipulation of maximum numbers and the visit will either be on **Tuesday 6 October, Tuesday 13 October and Tuesday 20 October**. The groupings are on ParentPay and will be shared with the students in class in advance.

The visit to the court itself is free but, as we will be out over lunchtime, students will need to bring a packed lunch and water for themselves 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 covers such items.

Please complete the consent details for the date your child has been allocated to on ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) by Friday 17 July 2026 at the latest..

Students will need to meet at the Court (Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV32 4EL) at 9:15am and leave from court at the end of the day at 15:00pm but consent for this must also be given via ParentPay by Friday 17 July. Students will not be allowed to arrive or leave independently if consent is not received by this time via ParentPay.

In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 7. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you, please ask me as the Visit Leader at choward@northleamington.co.uk. 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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