



RIDGEWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL

21st February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Worcester Cathedral trip & Geography fieldwork opportunity – 10th April 2024

At Ridgewood we endeavour to provide students with the opportunity to visit a range of different sites with either a religious, historic, or geographic importance. To this end we have arranged for Year 7 students to go on an educational visit to Worcester on **Wednesday 10th April 2024**.

As part of this exciting experience, students will complete two workshops which will be linked to worship, symbolism with Christianity linked to beliefs and practices. Students will develop an understanding of the religious and historic significance of the cathedral. Furthermore, students will have a guided tour around the Cathedral including the crypt. We feel that this experience will help to enrich our students understanding of places of worship within the Christian faith and that Worcester Cathedral is an excellent example of British architecture.

In the afternoon, students will take part in a field work activity linked to their Geography programme of study. This will involve the opportunity for students to collect data related to environmental issues and urbanisation of a city. During this part of the day, student will be guided around the city and working in groups to gather and record data.

This experience will help to enhance our curriculum across Global Studies.

On the day of the trip

The trip will take place on **Wednesday 10th April 2024**. We will be leaving school by coach at **8.40am** and **return at approximately 3.20pm**. Students will need to meet outside of H block in their form groups ready for a prompt departure.

Students will need to wear school uniform as normal and should make sure that they are wearing sensible shoes, which could be trainers, sturdy school shoes or walking shoes, as there is walking involved. Please be aware that students will be walking on uneven flagstones and staircases that date back to the Middle Ages. Students should also bring a rainproof jacket. Students will have the opportunity to buy souvenirs, so they may bring some money. Please note that if students do bring money with them, it is their responsibility to keep hold of that money. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals, you can request one on the ParentPay consent form.

ParentPay and Consent

The cost of the trip is **£22.50** payable via ParentPay, our online cashless system. **The payment deadline is 1st April 2024**. Please note that this payment is non-refundable.



Headteacher – Mrs R. Cope. Acting Headteacher – Mr J. Cannon from 17/01/2024 (during Mrs Cope's absence)

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You have previously received your ParentPay login details but if you have forgotten or mislaid these, you will need to go the ParentPay website (www.parentpay.com) and click “forgotten password”. You will then be emailed a link to reset your account. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this in school. The following ParentPay link will answer any questions you may have with regard to your online account.

Link: <https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>

These activities are important in enriching and extending the school curriculum. They rely largely on the goodwill of the staff who are prepared to organise such events. It is vital therefore that all students who participate support the staff, and each other, by exhibiting sensible behaviour and full co-operation at all times.

In this context we reserve the right to withdraw any student from a visit or residential activity if, in the time leading up to it they:

- are excluded or suspended from school for any reason.
- repeatedly refuse to cooperate or follow the instructions of staff and fail to respond positively to appropriate warnings.

Ridgewood students are always an absolute delight on these occasions, and we expect that this trip will continue with this tradition.

If you have any queries, please email me on jhill1@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,

J Hill

Mrs J Hill
Head of Global Studies
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