



June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of the great opportunities that your child will be involved in on the week beginning 10th July. Each year at The Chantry school, pupils participate in a range of high-quality activities across a number of days with the aim of enriching our pupils' learning experience, building relationships and stimulating them. Our pupils always have an enjoyable time during these days and speak fondly of their experiences.

The normal school hours will still operate- although there may be some changes to lunchtimes and breaks.

Below is a little blurb explaining what Y7 pupils will be doing in school each day. I hope you find it useful. There will be a series of assemblies next week telling the pupils about the activities week.

Monday 10th July: Diversity (DT & Art)

Pupils will be either allocated to a graphics, textiles, 3D or art group and will be creating diversity pop art portraits of diverse leaders for framed displays on the science stairways or on a large piece of art that will be displayed in the hall. **Pupils to attend in PE kit.**

Tuesday 11th July: CSI (Science)

Who has poisoned Mr Howard?! In S4, Mr Howard was discovered unconscious, but alive. Upon investigation, it seems that his tea has been poisoned. A number of clues have been left behind and it is your job to find the culprit. Through a series of practicals throughout the day, you will use the scientific skills you already have, as well as developing and using some new techniques, to match the sample found at the crime scene with those of the suspects. Working with the people in your class, you will carry out microscopy, chromatography, flame tests and more. These are all practical applications of the theory that you have already learnt, or will do in the future. Can you solve the crime and bring the culprit justice? **Pupils to attend in school uniform.**

Wednesday 12th July: Maths

Year 7 will spend the day problem solving and being creative with maths. The activities are designed to enhance their problem solving skills and their understanding of shapes and angles.

Pupils to attend in school uniform.

On **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July** pupils will be visiting Goodrich Castle and completing the Martley Circular Walk. Below are details of each excursion and what pupils will need to bring and wear. Please pay particular attention to which day your son/daughter is going on each one

The Martley Circular Walk

Our Year 7 pupils will be once again be completing The Martley Circular Walk as a half year group in order to appreciate our local area. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the walk, it is a lovely circular walk in the Teme Valley through traditional orchards, pastures and ancient woodlands with spectacular views across some of the best countryside in Worcestershire, taking in part of the Worcestershire Way. The walk will happen during the school day with pupils returning for 3:20pm.

We are organising this walk on two separate days and it is important to note the day on which your son/daughter will be participating.

On Thursday 13th July - 7 Kinver, 7 Malvern and 7 Woodbury will be completing the walk

On Friday 14th July- 7 Ankerdine, 7 Bredon and 7 Cotswold will be completing the walk.

Pupils will need:

Packed lunch and drink (provided for FSM pupils).

There are no toilet stops on the way. Pupils should prepare for this.

Pupils will be in non-uniform, they must have their legs fully covered, and should bring sun cream if it is hot, and a jacket/waterproof if the weather suggests rain.

Pupils meet us in school at 8.50am to be registered and will be back in time for the buses at 3.20pm.

Groups will be supervised at all times.

We discourage mobile phones, however, they can be used when we stop for breaks to take photos, but should not be out when pupils are walking, and should only be used for photos. It is their responsibility to look after them, so if they get lost, the pupils will need to look for them in their own time.

There is no charge for pupils on this trip.

Goodrich Castle

Running parallel to the above trip is a visit to Goodrich Castle.

During Year 7 and 8, pupils study the many aspects of the Medieval World. We would like to give Year 7 pupils an extra opportunity to learn in a different way. As part of their investigation of the Middle Ages, Year 7 study how and why castles developed. They will also investigate how castles were attacked and defended and were homes in the Medieval period. This is an opportunity for pupils to learn differently, outside school and see what remains of the past at a typical castle site.

If you haven't visited it, it stands in open countryside above the River Wye. Goodrich Castle is one of the finest and best preserved of all English Medieval castles. It boasts a fascinating history and spectacular views from the battlements. This Norman castle controlled a key location between Monmouth and Ross-on-Wye. We are subsidising the cost of the coach, but we would like all small contribution of £5 for each pupil (entrance to the castle is free) by **Friday 7th July. Please make your payment via the School Gateway.**

Pupils will need:

Packed lunch and drink (provided for FSM pupils).

Pupils will be in school PE kit.

Clipboard (borrow, beg or buy please).

If there is a chance of rain, they will need a light coat or umbrella.

Pupils meet us in school at 8.50am to be grouped and registered. We will be back in time for the buses at 3.20pm

We will not be going to the shop and pupils are supervised at all times.

Goodrich is in the Wye Valley, 38 miles away (just over an hour by coach).

Again, as this trip runs on two separate days it is important to note the day on which your son/daughter will be visiting the castle.

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We look forward to seeing your child's engagement across these days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Clear', written in a cursive style.

Nicola Clear
Deputy Head