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May 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Whitby Trip – Monday 7th July 2025

As part of the summer term's topic on Gothic Literature, the English Department is taking Year 7 to Whitby on Monday 7th July 2025.

The purpose of the day is to further explore the Gothic genre which is currently being studied in English, and which is a major theme in KS3 and KS4.

In order to cover the cost of the visit, including entrance to the Dracula Experience, coach travel and insurance, a voluntary contribution of £17.50 per pupil is requested. This payment can be made via your child's Scopay account no later than 23rd June 2025. Under the Trust Charging Policy there is no obligation to contribute, and pupils will be treated the same whether or not a contribution has been received. However, failure to receive sufficient contributions could put financial restraints on other activities within this subject area.

Pupils are given a tour of Whitby to see the parts of the town that appear in 'Dracula'. They will be taken into the Dracula Experience and will visit St Mary's Church. Please note that the Dracula Experience is a walk-through tour of the Dracula Story that uses a combination of animated scenes, special effects and live action. There is some use of strobe lighting and much of the tour is also in low lighting. Staff will be present throughout, however, if your child would prefer **not** to enter the Dracula Experience, please let us know when completing the consent form on Scopay.

In order to get the most out of the day, we will leave school at 9.00am and depart from Whitby at 3.00pm, returning to school at around 5.00pm. This is obviously later than the normal end of the school day and you will need to make arrangements for your child to be collected from school at 5.00pm. **Can I please ask that you use the car park at the side of school, so the coaches are able to park at the front of school.**

Your child will require a packed lunch (if they are entitled to free school meals, please indicate on Scopay if you wish the school to supply them with lunch). Pupils will also need to take a small amount of money if they wish to buy refreshments and snacks etc.

Pupils **must** come in school uniform and it is **essential** to bring a warm jumper/fleece and a waterproof jacket. If the weather is warm and dry then these can be left on the coaches. They must also come in sensible shoes or trainers. If your child uses an inhaler or other medication, these should be handed to Mrs Gordon, Trip Leader, prior to travel.

Please do not give your child any medication they have not taken before, for example travel sickness pills. If your child suffers from travel sickness, please inform Mrs Gordon.

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In addition, Whitby Council have now started charging 50 pence to use their public toilets so please ensure your child has some change available to use the toilet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr I. Williams
Director of English



Mrs L. Gordon
Head of English