

MSP/AST/TBA/OPH

7 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Activity: Year 7 - History Trip to Mountfitchet Castle**

**Date: Friday 4 November 2022**

The History department is organising a trip to Mountfitchet Castle for all Year 7 students. This trip is designed to enhance the curriculum for Year 7 and will further motivate students in their learning by bringing to life the knowledge taught in the classroom.

The programme for this activity is as follows:

### **Friday 4 November 2022**

#### **Depart from the Mill Road Campus at 9.00am**

The group will spend the day at Mountfitchet Castle, which is an almost complete recreation of a Motte and Bailey, actually built on the site of an original, shortly after the Norman Conquest. Whilst there, they will be involved in activities to develop their understanding of this period. This is a completely enclosed site and students will not be permitted off site at any time during the day.

#### **Return to the Mill Road Campus at 3.00pm**

Students are expected to **wear their academy PE kit without their blazers**. We will permit students to bring and wear **appropriate cold or wet weather jackets and footwear**, particularly if there has been heavy rain and the ground is likely to be mud. A change of shoes and shorts may be advisable. Students should bring a **packed lunch**; there is an indoor and a covered outdoor picnic area available.

In order for this visit to take place we would seek a voluntary contribution of **£21.50** to cover the cost of the coach and entrance to castle; however, if the level of support is deemed inadequate, the visit will not take place.

If you are concerned about meeting the cost of this visit, the academy will look to support with a payment plan if appropriate, please e-mail Sarah Lane at [s.lane2@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:s.lane2@plume.essex.sch.uk) or call Fambridge Road Campus: 01621 854681.

**Please be aware that students eligible for Pupil Premium Funding (PPG) are already provided for and therefore only need to fill in the 'Parental Consent form.'** Please tick the appropriate box on the online form linked below. Please contact Mrs J Frost (PPG Coordinator) if you have any questions regarding the PPG funding, please either call Mill Road Campus: 01621 879803 or email [j.frost@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:j.frost@plume.essex.sch.uk).

If you are interested in enrolling your son/daughter for this activity, please **[complete the Parental Consent form by following the link here](#)**. Completed forms and any voluntary contributions must be received **on or before Thursday 20 October 2022** at the latest, **it is with regret that, with the huge amount of administration involved with this visit, we will be unable to accept any applications to attend the visit after this date.**

Cheques can be made payable to "Plume School". **Alternatively, you may pay with Parent Pay via the academy website.**

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me ([m.springett@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:m.springett@plume.essex.sch.uk)) and I will be happy to help with your queries.

Yours sincerely



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