



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

11th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 visit to Nottingham Castle, Thursday 31st March 2022

I am pleased to inform you that this year the History department is running a visit for Year 8 students to Nottingham Castle **on Thursday 31st March 2022**.

This optional visit is designed to bring the stories of Nottingham Castle to life and inspire creative, curious learning. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of gallery experiences and activities, and take a tour of the world-famous caves. Please note that the site access information on the Nottingham Castle website states ‘there is no wheelchair access to any part of the caves and the tours are not advised for people with limited mobility or balance, due to uneven steps, some of which are very steep or have very high risers, and uneven sloping surfaces. Other barriers include low lighting levels, steeply sloping tunnels and handrails on only one side of the route’. More information about Nottingham Castle can be found at <https://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/>

The cost of the visit is £12.00; this includes admission to the castle, all activities including the tour of the caves, and return travel by coach.

We will be leaving school at 9.25am promptly. In order for a timely departure, students will leave their P1 lessons early and meet in Snack Chat at 9.00am for registration. We will return to school at approximately 3.00pm, and students will then be expected to make their own way home. Lunch is not provided and students will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day. If your child receives free school meals, the Academy will provide a packed lunch upon request. All students are expected to wear full school uniform on the day. Students may also bring around £15 spending money if they wish to purchase anything from the gift shop.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this visit we require both of the following by Friday 25th February:

1. *Payment of £12.00 through SCOPAY **AND**;*
2. *A parental consent form completed electronically using the link below*

<https://forms.gle/2UEkCFjpDmYKWNGj8>

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding you can request assistance with the cost of this visit by sending an email to finance@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk

There are a limited number of places available and should the visit be oversubscribed, we will select names randomly after the closing date. If a place for your child is confirmed, you will be notified in writing. If we are unable to confirm a place for your child, we will refund your payment and write to you to offer them a place on the reserve list. We appreciate that this may sometimes result in disappointment but we are limited by staffing constraints, costs to parents, venue capacity and external factors outside of our control.

Any monies paid may be non-refundable should your child withdraw or be removed from the visit.

The highest standards of behaviour will be insisted upon at all times and we reserve the right to exclude from this visit, at any point, any student whose behaviour gives us cause for concern.

Please note, payments will be non-refundable once the tickets have been paid for.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Walker-Lang
Head of History