

12 September 2011

Dear Parents

Year 7 History Day 'Castles, Cathedrals and Monasteries' Friday 14 October 2011

The Year 7 History course is centred upon a study of medieval history and this year's history day is focused upon medieval castles and religious life. Four parties will be leaving PGS on 14 October to visit a mixture of castles, cathedrals and religious houses. All classes will be divided into four groups, with each group visiting a different location. As part of the follow up work, each group will give a presentation to the rest of the class on their visit after half term.

Party 1 Will travel to the Isle of Wight. They will visit Carisbrooke Castle and Quarr Abbey.

Party 2 Will visit Lewes Castle, Sussex

Party 3 Will visit St Cross Hospital and Winchester Cathedral

Party 4 Will visit Arundel Castle

The cost of the visit will be £16 regardless of location. Pupils will register as normal in their tutor groups, have tutor time and then assemble in the Middle School Common Room at 0905. **The exception to this is all pupils allocated to Party 1 who need to assemble in the Middle School Common Room at 0850** in order to walk down to the car ferry to catch the 0930 sailing. All other parties will leave from PGS at 0915am and return by 1550 with the exception again of Party 1 which will catch the 1600 Fishbourne - Portsmouth ferry, giving an estimated time of return to school of 1645. School uniform will be worn and pupils should bring packed lunches. They should also bring along wet weather clothing, as some of the day will be spent outdoors, and a notebook and pen.

Although the composition of groups will be decided by class teachers, if you have a special request for your child to visit a certain location, please include this on the reply slip below and return it to your son/daughter's History Teacher, we will try to take it into consideration.

Could you please sign and return the form below no later **Monday 3 October**. Full consent/medical forms will be issued nearer the time once pupils have been informed of and allocated to one of the four parties.

Yours sincerely

S.Lemieux
Head of History & Politics



To: Return to the History Department, Portsmouth Grammar School (**no later than Monday 3 October**)

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Pupil name _____ History Teacher _____

I agree to allow my daughter/son to attend one of the above excursion parties and to have £16 added to the school bill.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)