

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

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Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers

## Year 8 Stop the Clock Day: Dorchester The Shire Hall Museum and the Dorchester Prison, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

As part of the learning development programme at Beaminster School we have a number of days during the school year when the hourly timetable is suspended. These "Stop the Clock" days allow students to study key aspects of the curriculum for an extended period of time and in greater detail.

On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Year 8 will be involved in an interesting day of historical investigation in Dorchester. Students will be given the opportunity to visit two of the county town's most exciting venues.

At the Shire Hall students will have the opportunity to:

- Investigate the court case of a child and see what this tells us about Victorian Dorset
- Have a guided tour of the museum
- Complete a workshop based on the justice system.

At the Dorchester Prison students will have the opportunity to:

- Have a look around the prison and see how it links to the Shire Hall Court House.

We plan to leave for Dorchester promptly by 9am, so please ensure that students arrive in school on time or inform the school of any absence as early as possible. The coaches will return by 3:30pm in time for students to take their usual transport home.

Students should wear **school uniform including their school coat**, and will need to bring a packed lunch and drink (lunch will be provided for students entitled to Free School Meals) as well as any regular medication required. Student mobile phones are not permitted on this trip but may be left in Reception for safekeeping, staff will have phones available.

Students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium will automatically get 50% of the cost of the trip subsidised.

In order for this trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£22** per person. Could I please ask that payment is made through **ParentMail +Pay**. If you wish to apply for financial assistance for this trip please complete a Financial Support Application Form (available from Reception or the school website [Forms, Policies and Key Information \(beaminster.dorset.sch.uk\)](http://www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)) as soon as possible.

**Please sign the student planner to give your informed consent for this trip and to acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to the information provided about the trip.**

Should there be any changes to medical details or contact information for your child for the day of this trip please email the school at [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

All planners must be signed and payments made by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** please.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me [kpatten@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:kpatten@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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