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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

## Year 7 Stop the Clock Day Trip to Cheddar Gorge and Caves, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

As part of the learning development programme at Beaminster School we have a number of days during the school year when the usual 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 4th November**, the Geography Department will take all Year 7 students to visit Cheddar Gorge and Caves. The visit includes a guided tour of the caves, a look around the pre-history museum and there may be an opportunity to visit the gift shop. The activities will support the topic of 'Adventure Landscapes' which students will be studying after half term in their Geography lessons.

On the day of the trip students will need:

- Warm, sensible clothing including a **school coat**
- Footwear suitable for walking around slippery caves and up steps (e.g. trainers)
- A packed lunch including a drink (lunch will be provided for students entitled to Free School Meals)
- Any regular medication e.g. asthma inhaler
- A pen or pencil.

We plan to leave for Cheddar **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. Student mobile phones are not permitted on this trip and need to be left at reception or stored out of sight and remain the student's responsibility.

In order for this trip to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of **£22.50** per person. Could I please ask that payment is made through **IRIS ParentMail** and a payment item will be available shortly. Students eligible for the Pupil Premium will automatically get 50% of the cost of the trip subsidised.

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://Forms, Policies and Key Information (beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)) as soon as possible.

All payments should be made as soon as possible and by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024** at the very latest please. The **Parental Consent box** must be checked when making payment to confirm that you have read and understood the information provided and give your consent to 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)

Students on trips are representatives of our school and act as ambassadors for us. Please be aware that this trip is something to look forward to and a privilege to be part of, and all students participating must continue to have good attendance and behaviour or risk forfeiting their place. Should a student have to be withdrawn for attendance or behaviour issues, any deposit, part or full payment made towards the trip will not be refunded.

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

Yours faithfully

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