

Dear Parent/Carer

April 2024

## Year 8 Visit to Shrewsbury Prison

As part of the RE Curriculum, we have organised a trip to Shrewsbury Prison, for all year 8 students. The trip will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We will leave school at approximately 9am to arrive back by 3.00pm. Your child will therefore need to arrive at school at normal time 8.35am, and will also require a packed lunch (no glass bottles or fizzy/energy drinks please). Students in receipt of free school meals can, if they wish, order a packed lunch from the school canteen. School uniform should be worn and mobile phones can be brought, but must be switched off in a bag.

This visit is to support the Big Question the students are currently investigating in RE:

### ***What do Religions teach about crime and punishment?***

In present day, Shrewsbury Prison is a heritage-led, immersive tourist attraction, delivering historical tours, activities, and events in a unique and historic setting. Over its 200-year history, Shrewsbury Prison was home to thousands of prisoners until its closure. Since 2015 the prison is frequented by heritage tour visitors, educational trips, corporate team building days, event days, paranormal investigators and of course, the odd ghost or two. As the most interactive prison in the world, year 8 will have access to all areas, from the infamous A-Wing to the exercise yards, segregation cell to the execution room, discovering what life was really like behind bars.

The cost of the visit is £21.50 which covers entry to Shrewsbury Prison, guided tour, transport and insurance.

To secure your child's place on the trip, please make payment via ParentPay. Consent for the trip will also need to be given in this way. If you have queries concerning the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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