

18 December 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Hastings trip, May 2025**

The History Department is organising a residential trip for Year 10 historians to Hastings and the South Coast, leaving the College at 9:00am **Friday 16 May 2025** and returning around 4:00pm on **Monday 19 May 2025**.

This trip is an exciting opportunity for pupils to visit places studied as part of their History GCSE course, Paper 1 (Norman Conquest) as well as being an opportunity to be on a PGL site, Windmill Hill Activity Centre. The trip will include a range of site visits such as:

- Pevensey Bay and Castle – where the Normans landed in September 1066
- Battle Abbey – where the famous Battle of Hastings took place in October 1066
- Tower of London, Canterbury and Ely Cathedrals – famous sites built by the Normans

The total cost will be **£350**, which covers all transport, accommodation, excursions, activities and meals. The only additional cost will be spending money for a light meal during free time in Canterbury on the Sunday afternoon. If your child secures a place on the trip, payment will be required as follows:

- First instalment, a deposit of £50 by Friday 17 January 2025
- Second instalment of £150 by Friday 21 March 2025
- Third instalment, a final payment of £150 by Friday 2 May 2025

Please be aware that each payment must be received by the College on Wisepay by the cut off dates indicated above. If payment is not received without a satisfactory explanation, your child may be removed from the trip and the place will be offered to pupils on the reserve list. Some financial support is available for pupils who qualify now, or have qualified in the past six years, for free school meals. Please contact Mrs Wagstaff, Assistant Principal and Pupil Premium Coordinator ([pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org](mailto:pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org)) for further details.

To apply for a place for your child please pay the first instalment, a deposit of £50, on Wisepay by the deadline of **Friday 17 January 2025**. If the trip is oversubscribed and we are unable to offer your child a place on the trip the deposit will be refunded in full. However, as explained within the terms and conditions below, if your child secures a place, then chooses to withdraw from the trip, the payments are non-refundable if this cannot be filled from the reserve list.

If you have any questions, please contact me on [jreed@sawstonvc.org](mailto:jreed@sawstonvc.org).

Yours faithfully

Mr J J Reed  
History Department



### **Sawston Village College – Terms and conditions for educational visits**

- Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of all information provided but some details may be subject to change. Where this is the case, parents will be informed at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Payments become non-refundable once a pupil has secured a place on the visit and must be paid in full, no later than the deadlines as outlined in the launch letter or in any subsequent confirmation letter. The College can accept cash and cheques but its preferred method of payment is via WisePay.
- The College reserves the right to withdraw any pupil from the visit at any time.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that all contact and medical details provided are correct and that the visit leader is alerted immediately to any changes in circumstance or any issues that may have a bearing on pupils' behaviour and/or well-being during the visit.
- College rules and expectations around standards of behaviour apply at all times during the visit. Where an exception is made, for example over the requirement to wear College uniform, this will be communicated in writing to parents.
- Visit leaders reserve the right to sanction pupils in line with College policy both during the visit and on their return to College.
- If the behaviour of a pupil is such that the visit leader deems it necessary to remove them from the visit, parents will be expected to help facilitate their removal and will be liable for any additional costs incurred in the process. For example, parents would be responsible for the additional cost of transport back to College.