



10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 8 Educational Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison - Tuesday 21st January 2025

We have a fantastic opportunity to take some of our Year 8 students to the historical site of Shepton Mallet Prison on **Tuesday 21st January 2025**.

The trip is an excellent opportunity to visit and learn about the oldest prison in the UK and complements our current Unit of Crime, Punishment and Non-Fiction Writing. The prison offers a fantastic KS3 Educational Programme.

Students will travel by coach to the event, leaving school at 9.15am and returning to Ansford Academy by 1.45pm in time for students to have lunch and attend period 5.

Students should wear their school uniform for the trip but dressing appropriately for the weather with an overcoat and scarf. Students may also like to bring a small amount of spending money as there is a shop selling branded merchandise and snacks.

The total cost of the trip, to cover the ticket and the coach, is **£18.50**.

If you would like to book a place for your son or daughter on this trip, please do this through 'The School Gateway'. If you have not registered, please go to www.schoolgateway.com. You will need to enter the e-mail address and mobile number we have on record for you. We use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the priority one contact(s) in our database. If you do have any issues with using this system, please contact helen.martin@ansford.net.

In some circumstances, the Academy may be able to cover the cost of the trip, please contact Helen Martin. In order to be considered, you must be in receipt of one/some of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To secure your son/daughter's place on the trip, please make payment and provide your consent by **Friday 17th January 2025**. Please note that if you have paid and given permission online you do not need to return the attached consent form.

Places are limited to 60 and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Early booking is advisable.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy an extra-curricular experience aiding their learning in the classroom and I very much hope that your son or daughter will be able to join us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Sarah Wilson
Deputy Head of English



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR TRIPS (Category A)

Return via the postbox in the Foyer, Ansford Academy, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ

I have received the letter regarding the Shepton Mallet Prison trip on Tuesday 21st January 2025

I give permission for:

- my son/daughter to take part
- to receive any necessary medical care on the recommendation of any competent medical practitioner

I know of no medical or other reason why he/she should not participate in this visit or the activities that are part of the visit.

If your child has any condition or impairment that may require specific management, medical treatment and/or medication during this trip please give brief details:

I confirm that I agree to the above and have read the notes below.

Name of student(s).....Tutor Group

Signed by
Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS ON DAY OF TRIP.....

I confirm I have paid online/enclosed the fee of £18.00 with this consent form (cheques should be made payable to Ansford Academy Trust

Notes

In signing this parental consent I confirm that I have read, understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and have agreed to my son/daughter taking part in it.

I understand that all reasonable care will be taken of my child during the visit/activity and that he/she will be under an obligation to follow all directions and instructions given and observe all rules and regulations governing the visit/activity.

I understand that if my child seriously misbehaves or is a cause of danger to him/herself or to others, then he/she may be sent home early from the visit/activity. In such a situation there will be no obligation on the school/establishment to refund any money.

I understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided and whilst the establishment staff in charge of the group will take all reasonable care, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss or damage suffered by my son/daughter during the visit. I understand that all visits are covered by public liability insurance and I can contact the school/establishment if I require further details.

Data collected is used for registration and monitoring purposes, and emergency contact information.