



Dear Parents and Carers

**Year 8 Educational Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison - Thursday 11th December 2025**

We have a fantastic opportunity to take our Year 8 students to the historical site of Shepton Mallet Prison on **Thursday 11th December 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 **£16.50**.

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](http://www.schoolgateway.com). You will need to enter the e-mail address and mobile number we have on record for you. If you do have any issues with using this system, please contact [hmartin@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:hmartin@ansford.mnsp.org.uk)

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 5th December 2025**.

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,

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Miss Sarah Wilson

Deputy Head of English