ALTON CASTLE BY ABBY





SCHOOL REPORT

A spectacular time was spent at Alton castle by year 7 students here at Cardinal Wiseman. We took part in many activities including: archery and biking. I would strongly recommend you take up such a fun packed opportunity.

I would like to thank Lucy (lay chaplain) for organising this event. Furthermore, the amazing Alton castle staff who made our stay so fantastic. All the year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed this outstanding event.

The highlights from the Alton castle trip were: when my activity group went trekking and the mud went up to my knee! And when Michael fell in the mud and all the mud was on his bum! Also, when we did archery and I nearly shot Luis in the face with the arrow – a real arrow!



We learned many facts about the castle thanks to the team. Alton castle is in



Staffordshire in Alton. It is a Catholic retreat which focuses on an important subject (such as how you treat others) and after each activity we had a reflection.

We were there for three days and two nights. Many other schools attend each year. The activities included: survival, hockey and archery.

Alexa, aged 12, said: "it was an exciting experience with lots of opportunity. We also had a mass with the castle's priest Father Ted who lead the mass beautifully." (Real life Father Ted, not the one from the TV show.)

To conclude, Alton Castle is an amazing opportunity for all Year 7 students every year. It allows students to explore and have freedom, learn new things, make new friends and grow in confidence.

Even though, Alton is known most famously for its theme park – I believe that Alton Castle is far more exhilarating.