

3rd September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 History Trip – 1066 Battle of Hastings Re-enactment – Saturday 12th October 2024

We are delighted to offer a trip for our new Y7 History enthusiasts. The 1066 Re-enactment is popular and well-known event organised by the English Heritage by Battle Abbey. Over 500 reenactors will recreate the drama and intensity of this legendary conflict that shaped England's History. This is a key topic students will study in October in our History curriculum at Downlands. **We do have a limited number of places available, so if this trip is oversubscribed, we will look to select names using a random generator.**

Students will need a packed lunch and drinks for the day, and possibly money to buy souvenirs or snacks at Battle Abbey. **Students must wear strong, sturdy shoes, they do not need to wear school uniform.** Walking boots or trainers are preferable. They can bring trainers to wear on the coach if their walking boots are muddy. A waterproof coat and warm jumper are essential as the weather can be unpredictable. It may be hot and sunny so hats, t-shirts and sun cream will be needed. Please judge the weather forecast on the day and respond accordingly.

The agenda for the day is:

8:30am arrive at Downlands Secondary School.

- Please avoid dropping off students in school grounds as the buses will need space to turn around.

9am depart on coaches from Downlands Secondary School

Battle Abbey

- Explore the encampments of the armies on either side of the historic battlefield and come up close and personal with Saxon (English) and Norman (French) soldiers. Experience first-hand the intricacies of their weapons and the weight of their armour.
- Discover the clothes they wore, what food they ate, and watch them practice their 11th century skills and craftsmanship. Meet falconers and their majestic birds of prey, or take a wander down the market and rummage through historical delights for a very special souvenir.
- Other activities involve storytelling, Medieval sports and sword schools.

5:00pm approximate arrival back to school.

The total cost of the trip is **£30, this is only payable on SCOPAY once you are informed** that your child has been selected as the trip may be over subscribed.

Please complete the form the online form (link below) by 9.00am Monday 10th September IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS TRIP. Before applying for the trip on behalf of your child please do check that your child wishes to attend and is free on this date as once they are accepted for a place you will be liable for the cost unless we can find a replacement.

[Online form to register](#)

We will write to parents to confirm places in the week after the 10th September and it will then be added to SCOPAY for payment. Please do not send any monies until your child's place has been confirmed. Please be advised that if we are unable to offer your child a place on this trip we will not write to you, but will hold their name in reserve.

Yours faithfully

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