

15th October 2024

Year 8 Character Day – January 22nd 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Character Passport, we are excited to write to you about the next adventure for Year 8. Our Character Passport is a pledge from us to provide all students at Downlands the opportunity to attend a selection of visits during their time with us that will enable them to develop their own sense of self.

On January 22nd 2025, the whole school will be off-timetable participating in a range of activities and visits designed to build on their Character education. For Year 8, we are giving all students the opportunity to visit one of London's famous museums in order to build their sense of awareness of the world and our histories. Below shows which tutor group will be visiting which museum. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer changes to this as I'm sure you can understand the logistics of this would be challenging. Furthermore, it will be a brilliant opportunity for each tutor group to continue bonding together.

We would ask that the students register in tutor groups as per usual and they are to be in full uniform for the day, they are allowed to wear comfortable shoes as there will be lots of walking!

Tutor Group	Museum
8CH, 8CT, 8CBA	V&A Museum
8BC, 8NK & 8MLo	Science Museum
8CP, 8ETH & 8OC	Tower of London

The total cost of this trip will be **£16 per child**, this includes entry to the museum and a paid exhibit, train travel and all appropriate insurances. We will also be offering a different price for all pupil premium students, with the school subsidising 75% of the trip, the cost for these students will be £4.

We would love for all students to attend this trip so if your child is not pupil premium, but you would like to discuss the financial implications of this trip, please contact myself in confidence on msmith@downlands.org.

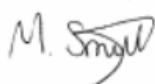
All students will be attending this trip and there will be limited provision in school for them. This will only be arranged by myself or Mrs Cornish (our SENCO).

To confirm your child's place on this trip, please pay the total amount of £16 (or £4 for pupil premium students) by Friday 8th November 2024 via SCOPAY. Please note, making payment on SCOPAY counts as giving permission for your child to attend this trip.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself on msmith@downlands.org

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Smith



Trips & Character Passport Coordinator

