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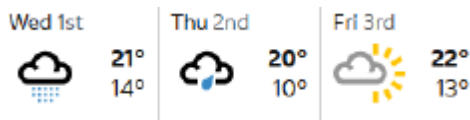


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29th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Geography trip to Castleton – Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July (This week!)



It is finally here after all the planning, preparation and many emails from me we are going to Castleton on Wednesday this week. I wanted to send a message out with some key points of information for the week. The weather forecast is showing that the temperatures should

be a bit cooler than what we have experienced recently but still very warm up to 22°C. There is currently a 60 – 70% of rain on Thursday morning which is when we are completing our walk up and around Mam Tor – **please make sure your child brings a raincoat with them for the trip** – the YHA team do insist on every child having a raincoat with them as the weather can change quite quickly. If they don't need/want to wear it they can just keep it in their rucksack so they can have it with them still. Please ensure your child brings suncream with them (UV is still quite high despite some cloudy conditions). The forecast has changed a lot already over the weekend so we need to be prepared for every possibility.

On Wednesday we are asking all students coming on the trip to arrive slightly earlier at 8am so we can get their bag/case where it needs to be. Students will need to have any medication with them in a clear bag, with their name labelled on the bag and any medication in the original packaging. Medication should only be given to Mr Ellor or Mrs Finley. Students will then attend form time and their Period 1 lesson as normal. Students should be in their own clothes that they intend to stay in until the evening – there will be no opportunity to change until later in the evening. Students should have their rucksacks with their lunch, a water bottle, rain coat, suncream etc in – after their lunch students will not have an opportunity to get anything from their bag/case so any essentials need to be in the rucksack please. Reminder students do need their own lunch for Wednesday, anyone who is eligible for FSM has a grab bag ordered for them.

I have included the packing checklist below that I have shared previously just so you have it to hand for any packing. Please ensure students only bring the essentials, they do not need any appliances/electronic products.

A number of students have asked about having the opportunity to watch the England vs DR Congo match whilst we are in Castleton. I have spoken to the YHA centre this morning and they are going to help make sure that any students that do want to watch do get the opportunity to watch.

We communicated our behaviour expectations on Friday during our trip assembly and are not anticipating any problems at all, but please do take the time to remind your child of how to best conduct themselves during a residential visit. Do reach out and let us know if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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YHA Castleton Fieldtrip – packing checklist:

Please use the following checklist to help pack a bag for the trip:

Anything with a (***) is recommended from previous trip experience:

- *** 6 x T shirts
- *** 6x trousers (jogging bottoms, shorts, jeans, something suitable)
- *** Hoodie/jacket/jumper
- *** Waterproof jacket/coat
- *** Towel
- *** Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, soap, deodorant (no aerosols) hair brush etc
- *** Night clothes – something to sleep in.
- *** Underwear
- *** Socks – bring spare just in case they get wet.
- *** Trainers – 2 pairs if possible (1 pair for activities you would be happy getting muddy or wet and 1 pair for evening activities at the Centre)
- *** Plastic bag/bin bag to put dirty/wet clothes into.
- *** Water bottle – make sure their name is on it if possible
- Walking boots – if possible as we will be walking on some uneven ground/hill walking around the area.
- *** Suncream – we are going in July so anticipate it will be sunny.
- *** Pencil case – pen and pencil. Students will need to record their observations and data.
- Baseball cap or hat
- ***Rucksack – students will be expected to carry their lunch and any equipment and clip boards for practical work throughout the time we are out of the centre.
- Watch
- Spending money – there is no planned activity/visit where money is needed. However if you want to give your child some spending money they need to be responsible for it and we recommend no more than £10.

Please note:

We recommend writing your child's name in all of their clothes/belongings just in case items get mixed up or left behind in rooms.

Phones – students can bring their phones on the trip. They can use their phones on the journey to and from Castleton while on the coach and in the evening free time. Students will **not** be allowed to use their phones when we are completing our tasks in the field and activities at the centre in order to comply with safety rules. Stockport Academy will not be liable and take no responsibility for any phones brought onto the trip.

Please don't bring:

Games consoles, electronic items, aerosols, special/important jewellery/your best or expensive clothing or shoes. Please don't bring smart watches. Any food items that contain nuts. No energy drinks are allowed on the trip. Pupils will be responsible for any items that they bring with them on the trip.