



Dear Parents / Carers,

2 November 2018

30th November – 2nd December Hardy Trip 2018

Thank you for supporting your daughter in going on the English A Level Hardy Trip. I am writing to you in order to give you some more details about the trip and to remind you to complete the payments, if you have not yet done so. **We have organised a parents' meeting on Wednesday 14th November after the year 12 parents' evening at 7pm in room 221. This will give you the opportunity to ask me any questions about the trip.**

I have included below the itinerary for the trip so that you can see our plans for the weekend:

ITINERARY FOR THE HARDY TRIP NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2018

Friday 30th November	
9am	Leave QE to travel to Stonehenge
approx: 11:30	Arrive at Stonehenge: Lunch and tour including book reading at the stones.
1:30	Leave for Bournemouth
2:30	Arrive at The Premier Inn Westcliffe: settle in and free time to explore Bournemouth.
7:30	Group dinner at the Premier Inn restaurant
Saturday 1st December	
9am	Leave the hotel to travel to Dorchester.
10am	Arrive at Dorchester, pick up our guide, Alistair, and then proceed to go to Hardy's birth place, a walk in one of his central settings, a visit to Stinsford Church.
12 noon	Arrive back in Dorchester. Museum visit, book shop and chance for lunch and to get to know Hardy's Casterbridge.
2:30 pm	Assemble outside the museum and leave to go back to Bournemouth.

3:30pm – 10:30pm	Free time.
Sunday 2nd December 10am	Set off for Barnet

What to take:

- Warm clothing including a winter coat, hat scarves and gloves.
- Walking boots or wellies – prepare for the mud!
- All the usual kit and toiletries for a two night stay in a hotel.
- Your copy of Tess of the D’Urbervilles.

Money

- What is **not** included: lunch and dinner on days; entry to the Dorchester Museum at £5.
- **What is paid for:** all travel and accommodation; breakfasts; dinner on the first night; tour of Stonehenge and the guided tour on Saturday.
- We suggest £50 for the weekend although students have taken less money successfully last year.

Safety

Any excursion is not without some risk. Please be assured that we will do everything reasonable to ensure your daughter’s safety:

- Four staff are going on the trip, all experienced.
- We have run this trip successfully five times.
- We use the same travel company and the same driver every year.
- The Hotel offers us 24 hour reception, secure internal doors and all accommodation next to each other including staff accommodation.
- Can we ask you to stress the importance to your daughter of keeping within the curfew time of 10:30 pm each night? We will not allow anyone to go out alone and we operate a ‘buddy system’ for security during free time.

If you need any more information, please contact me and I will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

Claire Kenney-Dwyer
Co Head of English